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FEATURING
AMERICA'S
BOY HERO

CRIMEBUSTER

IN 2 COMPLETE
FEATURE LENGTH
STORIES



THERE'S NO CHUTE IN HERE! I THINK I CAN KEEP IT IN THE AIR, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO LAND IT! IN HEAVEN'S NAME TELL ME WHAT TO DO!

SAY A PRAYER AND CUT THE SWITCH! IF YOU KEEP IT LEVEL, SHE'LL SETTLE DOWN!

AND AS FOR YOU, YOU WEAK EXCUSE FOR HUMANITY—THAT'S THE DIRTIEST TRICK I'VE EVER SEEN!

I'LL TELL YOU WHY I DID IT!

SQUEEK!
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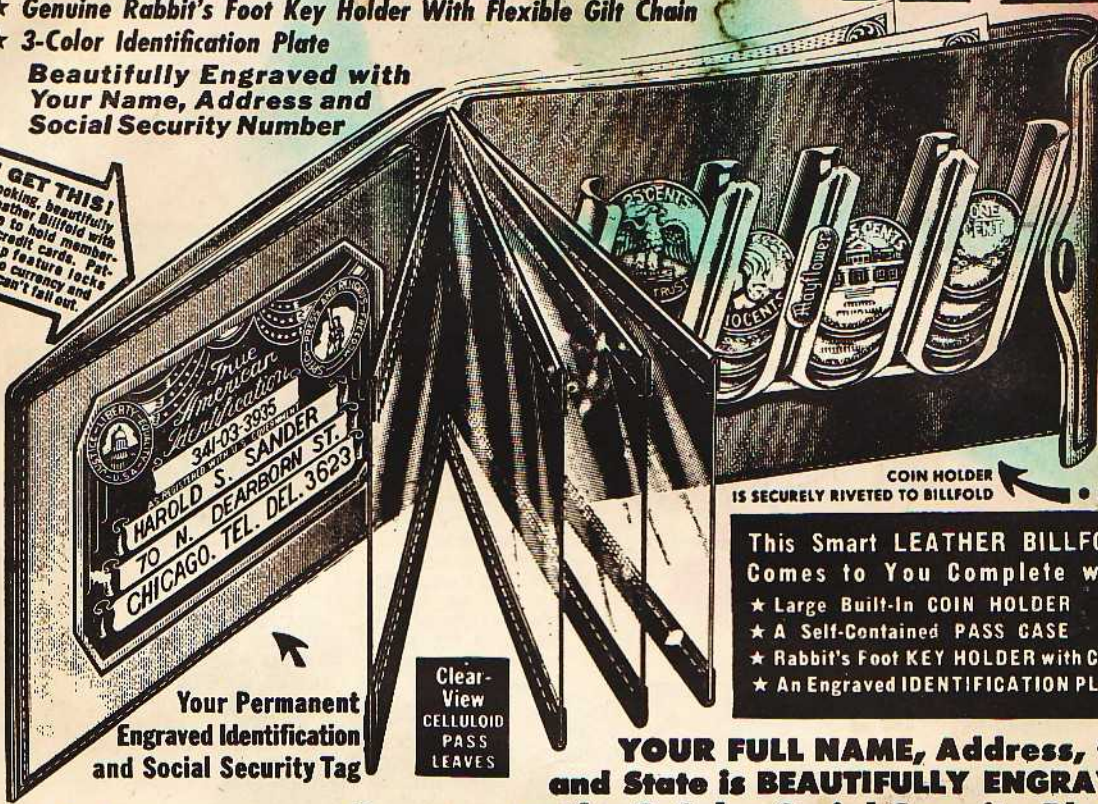
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- ★ This Smart Leather Billfold and Pass Case
- ★ Handy, Built-In Coin Holder For Your Loose Change
- ★ Genuine Rabbit's Foot Key Holder With Flexible Gilt Chain
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Beautifully Engraved with
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Social Security Number

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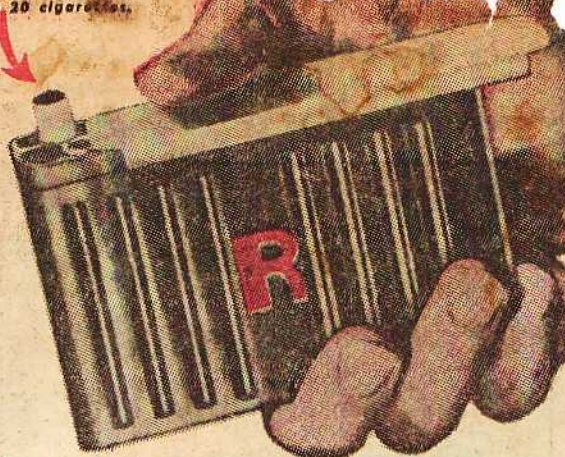
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MONEY BACK IF NOT SATISFIED AFTER 5 DAYS' TRIAL

Men! Ladies! **LOU!**

Each cigarette pop-up ready for use. Case holds 20 cigarettes.



You get **BOTH** for only **\$2.98**

\$2.50 Value Pop-a-Cig INITIALIED Cigarette Case
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ONE AT A TIME

WORKS EASILY
WITH
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LAST CIGARETTE
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This is the Initial for the Cigarette Case.....

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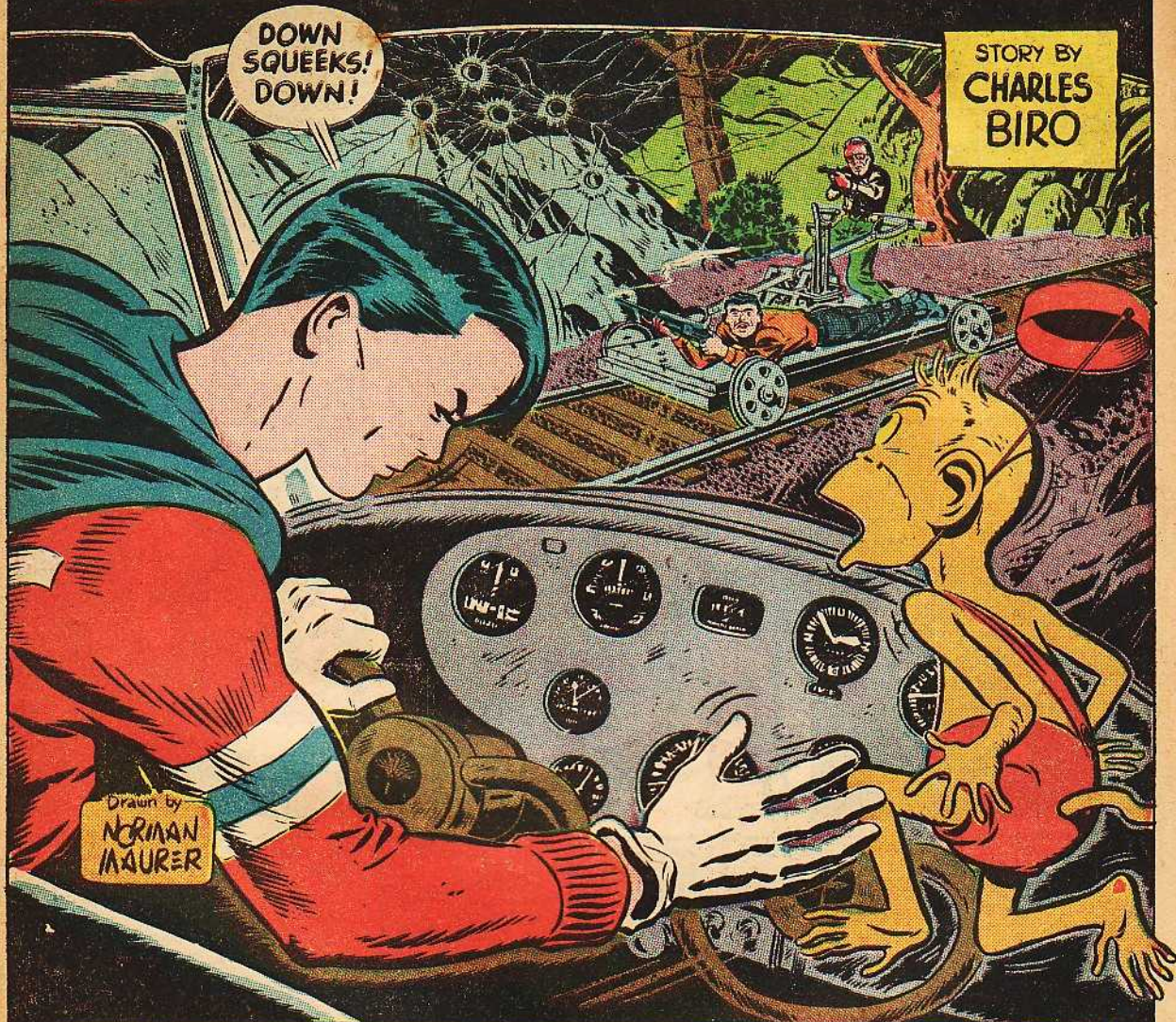
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I am enclosing \$2.98 in advance to save C.O.D. and shipping charges. Send the Case and Lighter to me—all postage charges prepaid.

CRIMEBUSTER

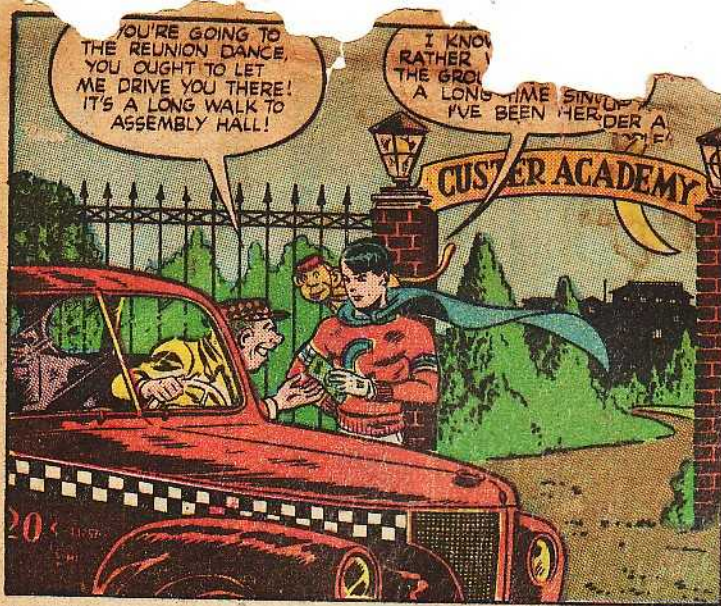


STORY BY
CHARLES
BIRO

Drawn by
NORMAN
MAURER

WE ALL KNOW WHAT GROWING PAINS ARE — SO IT IS WITH PROGRESS AND THE WORLD. EVERY ADVANCED STEP IN OUR MARCH TO BETTER LIVING AND AN EASIER LIFE RESULTS IN THE DISRUPTION OF SLOW ANTIQUATED IDEAS. WHATEVER IT IS THAT CAUSES SOME TO OPPOSE ANY FORWARD SURGE, WHICH IS INEVITABLE, IS HARD TO DEFINE — PERHAPS IT'S THEIR VANITY — MAYBE IT'S AN INDIVIDUAL'S SELFISHNESS AND GREED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MANY. THESE PIG-HEADED DIE HARDS LACK VISION AND FORESIGHT AND WILL SOMETIMES FIGHT SCIENTIFIC TRUTH TO THE POINT OF BLOODSHED RATHER THAN BROAD MINDEDLY ACCEPT THE DEFEAT OF THEIR RUTTED, BACKWARD METHODS. THEY'D HAVE TO BE GOOD LOSERS AND GOOD SPORTS TO ADMIT IT BUT THESE REACTIONARY FOOLS ARE NEITHER OF THESE. THIS **CRIMEBUSTER** STORY EXPOSES ONE OF THEM!

Charles Biro



YOU'RE GOING TO THE REUNION DANCE, YOU OUGHT TO LET ME DRIVE YOU THERE! IT'S A LONG WALK TO ASSEMBLY HALL!

I KNOW, RATHER THE GREAT A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN HERDER A

CUSTER ACADEMY



I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! I SWEAR THAT WAS CHUCK! BY GOSH, IT IS! HEY, CHUCK! CHUCK CHANDLER!



RANDY PIKE! IS IT GOOD TO SEE YOU! SO YOU FINALLY BROKE DOWN AND CAME TO A REUNION! I BEGAN TO THINK YOUR JOB AS CRIMEBUSTER KEPT YOU SO BUSY YOU NEVER TOOK TIME OFF!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS, RANDY? IT'S A LONG STORY! THE YEAR AFTER YOU LEFT CUSTER, DAD DIED AND LEFT ME HIS 900 ACRE FARM! AS SOON AS I FINISHED SCHOOL, I WENT BACK TO RUN IT!



SORRY ABOUT YOUR DAD! BEING AN ORPHAN MAKES YOU GROW UP FASTER, DOESN'T IT? HOW DO YOU LIKE FARMING? IS IT WHAT YOU PLANNED TO DO?

NOT AT FIRST, BUT I MAJORED IN AGRICULTURE MY LAST YEAR HERE AND LEARNED ALL ABOUT SCIENTIFIC FARMING! THAT OPENED MY EYES TO WHAT FARMING COULD BE!



I HAVE ALL THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT! TRACTORS, A BULL-DOZER, A THRESHER, ELECTRIC FENCES—EVERYTHING! AND NEXT WEEK I'M GETTING A PLANE! I'VE GOT MY PILOT'S LICENSE ALREADY!

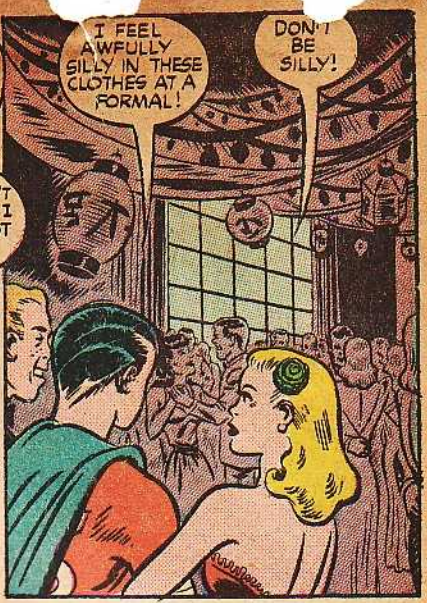
A PLANE ON A FARM? WHAT FOR?



I'LL USE IT TO SPRAY CROPS AND SEED FIELDS— AND A DOZEN OTHER THINGS! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET IT! WHY DON'T YOU VISIT ME AND GET A FIRST HAND DEMONSTRATION OF SCIENTIFIC FARMING!

WISH I COULD, RANDY! BUT I'VE GOT TO FINISH UP A CASE I STARTED WITH LOOVER!

DEDICATED TO CUSTER ACADEMY BY THE BOARDERS 1948





HOW WAS YOUR SCHOOL REUNION, C.B.? HAVE FUN?

SURE! ONLY IT'S GOOD TO GET BACK TO WORK! ANYTHING NEW ON THAT DOUBLE SUICIDE? I STILL HAVE A HUNCH IT WAS MURDER!



IT L... SHU... GRE... SO I... STIM... ED... ABOUT /MUR... AND... WATCHED PE... S... REACTIONS!

NICE PSYCHOLOGY! WHAT HAPPENED?



WHAT! BUT WHY? AND EVEN THOUGH HE KILLED LOGAN, WHY DID HE KILL LOGAN'S WIFE?



MONEY! TO GET FULL OWNERSHIP OF THE BUSINESS! HE HAD TO KILL BOTH TO PREVENT MRS. LOGAN FROM INHERITING THE PARTNERSHIP! BUT YOUR HUNCH AND HIS CONSCIENCE TRIPPED HIM UP!

I'M GLAD YOU CAUGHT HIM! SINCE THAT CASE IS CLOSED, WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR ME?



NOT A THING! EITHER WE'VE GOT ALL THE CROOKS LOCKED UP OR THEY'RE ON VACATION! SPEAKING OF VACATIONS, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ONE FOR A WHILE?

THAT SUITS ME! ONLY LET ME KNOW IF ANYTHING COMES ALONG!



IT FEELS FUNNY NOT TO BE ON A CASE! I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING SPECIAL TO DO! HOW ABOUT YOU, SQUEEKS?

SQUEEK SQUEEK SQUEEK



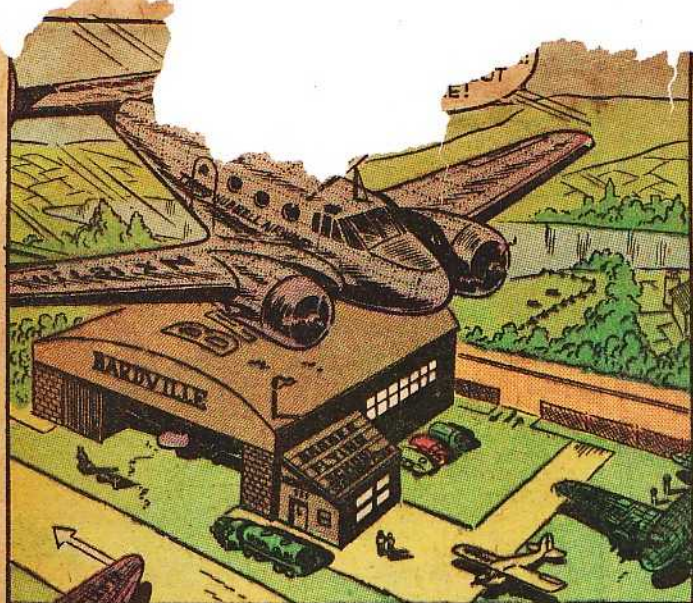
YOU MEAN YOU'D LIKE A PLANE TRIP? SAY! THAT'S A SWELL IDEA! WE'LL FLY OUT AND VISIT RANDY PIKE I'LL WIRE HIM TONIGHT!



SWALLOW, AND YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, SQUEEKS! IT'S JUST THE ALTITUDE! THE PRESSURE ON YOUR EAR DRUMS MAKES YOUR EARS RING! WHEN YOU SWALLOW, IT'S EQUALIZED!



GLURP



HOWDY! YOU MUST BE RANDY'S FRIEND! I KINDA THOUGHT HE WAS JOKIN' WHEN HE SAID TO LOOK FOR A BOY WITH A MONKEY, BUT I GUESS HE WASN'T! I'M BILL WILDER!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, SIR!



RANDY WOULD'VE MET YOU HIMSELF, BUT THE MAN CAME WITH HIS NEW PLANE, AND HE HAD TO GO UP FOR A TRIAL FLIGHT! THAT'S HIM UP THERE NOW!

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE IDEA OF FARMING BY PLANE?



ONLY WISH THEY'D HAD 'EM IN MY DAY! IMAGINE SOWING SIXTY ACRES OF GRASS IN FIVE MINUTES! SCIENCE SURE IS WONDERFUL!

I CERTAINLY AGREE! BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THAT BOOK YOU HAVE THERE? THE COVER LOOKS FAMILIAR!



WHY THAT'S THE SCIENCE TEXT-BOOK WE USED AT CUSTER ACADEMY IN OUR FRESHMAN YEAR!

RANDY GAVE IT TO ME FIVE YEARS AGO! BEST PRESENT I EVER GOT! MORE LEARNIN' IN HERE THAN ALL THE SCHOOLIN' I HAD AS A BOY!



LOOK AT THAT! JUST LIKE A BIRD! ACCORDIN' TO RANDY, IT'S AS EASY AS DRIVIN' A CAR! MEBBE I'LL GIT HIM TO LEARN ME HOW SOME DAY!

I WOULDN'T MIND LEARNIN', MYSELF!



WELL, GOTTA RUN ALONG NOW BEFORE OL' MAN HUMPHRY STARTS SAYIN' I'M LATE FER WORK! SEE YOU AGAIN SOON, SON!

SO LONG, BILL!



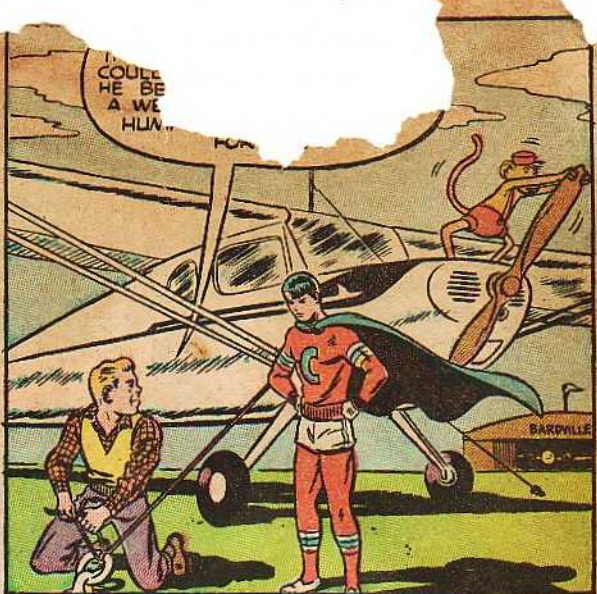
HI THERE, CRIMEBUSTER! BE RIGHT WITH YOU AS SOON AS I SIGN THE RECEIPT FOR THIS PLANE! ISN'T SHE A BEAUT!

SURE IS! MAKES ME WANT TO LEARN HOW TO FLY MYSELF!



IF YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT LEARNING, MORGAN BARBER IS A SWELL INSTRUCTOR! HE'LL HAVE YOU SOLDING IN NO TIME!

GOSH! HAVE EVERYONE FLYING! BILL SAID HE'D LIKE TO LEARN! DOES HE WORK FOR YOU?



COULD HE BE A WE HUN...



IF THINGS GO WELL THIS YEAR, I WANT OLD BILL BACK! HE HAS TO WORK TOO HARD AT HUMPHREY'S PLACE! HUMPHREY DOES EVERYTHING THE HARD OLD FASHIONED WAY!



HELLO THERE MORGAN! I THINK I HAVE A NEW PUPIL FOR YOU! CRIMEBUSTER, THIS IS MORGAN BARBER, MY INSTRUCTOR!

EX-INSTRUCTOR! RANDY IS A FULL FLEDGED PILOT NOW! GLAD TO MEET YOU!



I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR, MORGAN! HAVE TO RUN DOWN TO THE FREIGHT OFFICE BEFORE I FLY BACK TO THE FARM!

OKAY, RANDY! I'LL DO A CHECK ON YOUR PLANE!



YOU SHOULD SEE YOUNG PIKE'S NEW PLANE, MR. HUMPHREY — PURTY AS A BIRD! HE'S GONNA USE IT TO SEED AND SPRAY!

LOT OF NEW FANGLED NONSENSE! THE BOYS A FOOL! HE'D BE A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT TO HIS FATHER!



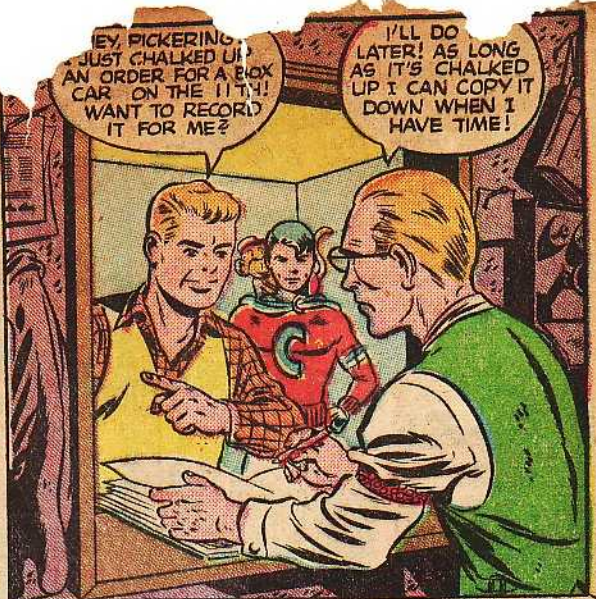
OH, DUNNO, MR. HUMPHREY! I BET HE'D BE DARN INTERESTED IN RANDY'S SCIENTIFIC FARMING!

FROM WHAT I HEAR IT'S A DANGED EXPENSIVE WAY TO FARM! INSTEAD OF PAYING OFF THE MORTGAGE HE'S SPENT ALL HIS MONEY ON CRAZY MACHINES!



BUT NOW THAT HE HAS 'EM, HE CAN PAY IT OFF FASTER, BY FARMING ON A BIG SCALE! HE'LL MAKE BIGGER PROFITS FROM NOW ON!

IT'S THE WEATHER THAT MAKES CROPS! ONE OF THESE DAYS THE BANK WILL FORECLOSE ON HIM! SERVE HIM RIGHT FOR GOING AGAINST NATURE!



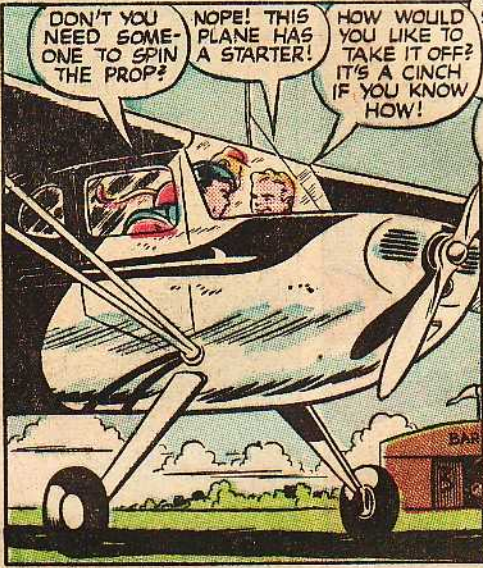
HEY, PICKERING, JUST CHALKED UP AN ORDER FOR A BOX CAR ON THE 11TH! WANT TO RECORD IT FOR ME?

I'LL DO LATER! AS LONG AS IT'S CHALKED UP I CAN COPY IT DOWN WHEN I HAVE TIME!



WELL, OKAY, BUT DON'T FORGET IT! IT'S THE LAST DATE I CAN SAFELY SHIP THOSE TOMATOES, AND IT'S A BIG ORDER!

DON'T WORRY! I KNOW MY JOB!



DON'T YOU NEED SOMEONE TO SPIN THE PROPS?

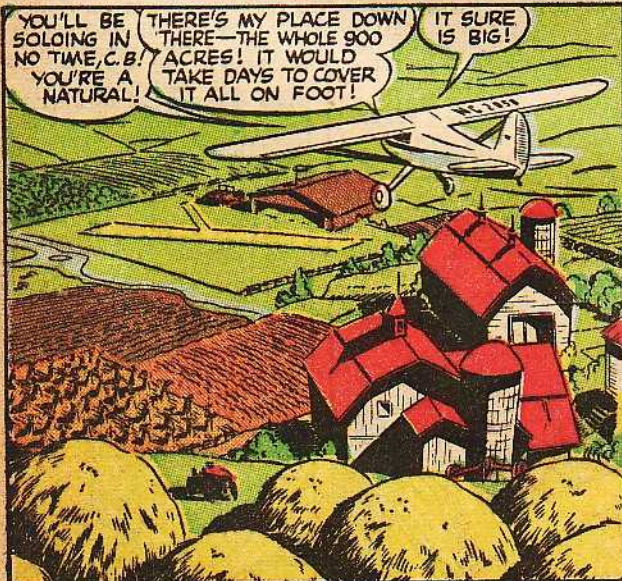
NOPE! THIS PLANE HAS A STARTER!

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE IT OFF? IT'S A CINCH IF YOU KNOW HOW!



O.K., C.B., TAKE THE STICK, AND ON THE GROUND YOU STEER WITH THE RUDDER ONLY! THAT'S THE BOY—STICK SLIGHTLY FORWARD, RAISE THE TAIL...GOOD, HOLD IT NOW! STICK BACK JUST A LITTLE...NOW WE'RE OFF THE GROUND...

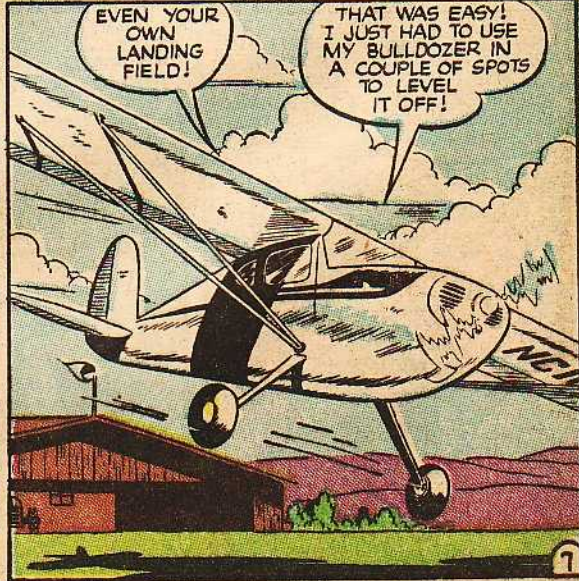
I DID IT! WOW! YOU'D BETTER TAKE THE STICK WHILE I CATCH MY BREATH!



YOU'LL BE SOLOING IN NO TIME, C.B.! YOU'RE A NATURAL!

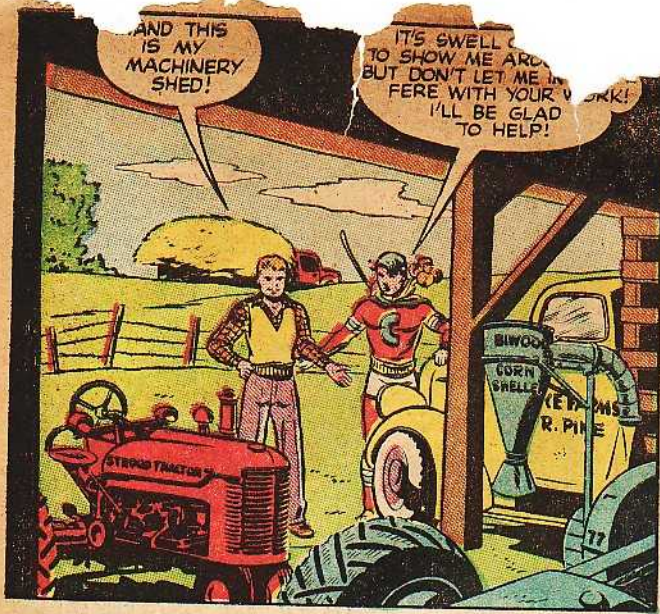
THERE'S MY PLACE DOWN THERE—THE WHOLE 900 ACRES! IT WOULD TAKE DAYS TO COVER IT ALL ON FOOT!

IT SURE IS BIG!



EVEN YOUR OWN LANDING FIELD!

THAT WAS EASY! I JUST HAD TO USE MY BULLDOZER IN A COUPLE OF SPOTS TO LEVEL IT OFF!



AND THIS IS MY MACHINERY SHED!

IT'S SWELL TO SHOW ME AROUND BUT DON'T LET ME INTERFERE WITH YOUR WORK! I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP!

THE START UP ON TOMATO CRACK MONEY FOR WILL GO TO PAYING THE MORTGAGE!

WAY YES, I'VE SPENT ALL MY MONEY ON THIS MACHINERY, THE PLANE, AND THE MORTGAGE BUT EVERY DOLLAR I MAKE FROM THE CROPS NOW ON WILL BE GOING TO PAY IT OFF! BY NEXT YEAR I'LL BE COMPLETELY OUT OF DEBT!



NOT A BREATH OF WIND THIS MORNING! IT'S A PERFECT TIME TO SPRAY SOME OF MY CROPS BY PLANE! WANT TO COME ALONG?

YOU BET I DO!

CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH

WHEAT FLAKES BREAKFAST CEREAL



TELL ME, RANDY, IF A PERSON WERE TO GET IN THE WAY OF THAT SPRAY, WOULD IT KILL THEM?

NO, IT'S NOT LETHAL, BUT IT WOULD BLIND ONE TEMPORARILY AND MAKE HIM PRETTY SICK!



HOW ABOUT GOING OVER TO MORGAN BARBER'S AND TAKING YOUR FIRST LESSON? YOU'VE PROBABLY LEARNED A LOT ALREADY!

IT SOUNDS GREAT! I'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM THE C.A.A. MANUAL YOU LOANED ME LAST NIGHT!

YOU'RE IN THE WIND SWELL! O.K., CLOSE THE THROTTLE! THAT'S THE RIGHT GLIDING SPEED AND ANGLE... NOW BE SURE NO PLANES ARE ON THE FIELD, WHEN YOU'RE DOWN TO FIFTEEN FEET OR SO ABOVE GROUND! PULL THE STICK BACK TO NEUTRAL AND HOLD IT LEVEL UNTIL IT SETTLES TO ABOUT THREE FEET FROM THE GROUND THEN PULL BACK ON THE STICK GRADUALLY JUST ENOUGH TO PUT THE TAIL DOWN! IT'LL STAY THERE! THEN KEEP IT ROLLING STRAIGHT WITH YOUR RUDDER!

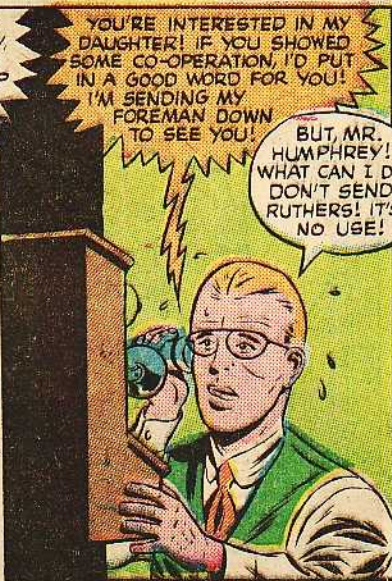
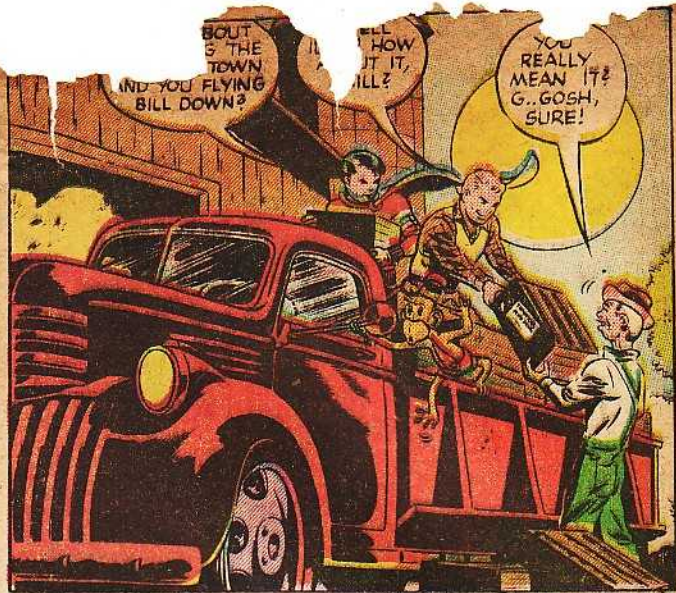
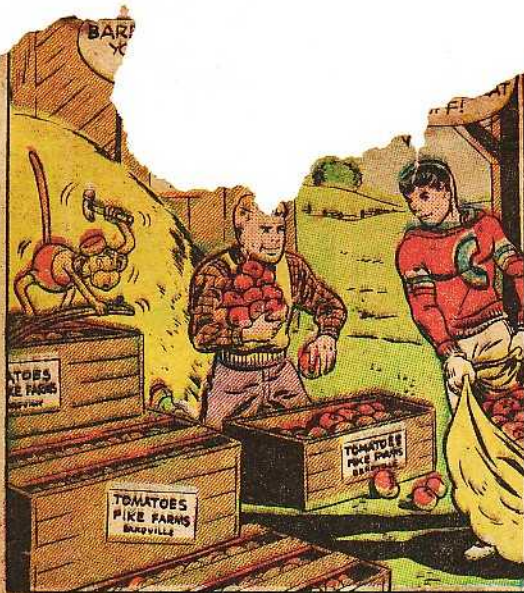
THIS IS THE GREATEST THRILL I'VE EVER GOTTEN! IT'S WONDERFUL!



HOW'S HE DOING, MORGAN?

HE'S A NATURAL! IF HE HAD WINGS HE'D BE A BIRD! DID YOU SEE THAT LAST LANDING? A PERFECT THREE POINT, THE VERY FIRST TIME!





THIS IS THE MOST WONDERFUL THING THAT EVER HAPPENED — ME, BILL WILDER, FLYING! I THOUGHT I'D BE SCARED, BUT I AIN'T! SCIENCE SURE IS GREAT!

WHEN WE FINISH, YOU BOYS RUN ALONG AND EAT! I'LL STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH TILL SHE GOES OUT!

PICKERING? THIS IS HUMPHREY! LOOK, I FORGOT TO RESERVE A FREIGHT CAR, AND I'VE GOT A LOAD OF TOMATOES THAT'S GOT TO GO OUT TONIGHT!

GIVE ME HIS CAR! I'LL MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE! MY TRUCKS ARE ALL LOADED AND READY TO MOVE!

BUT I CAN'T! HE'S ALREADY LOADED! YOU KNOW I'D HELP YOU IF I COULD!

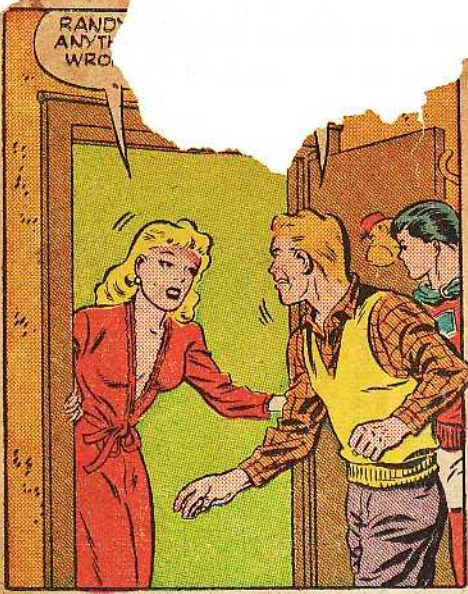
HUMPHREY SENT YOU THIS "C" NOTE! ALL YOU GOT TO DO IS TELL ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU, THAT HUMPHREY ORDERED THIS CAR FOR TONIGHT!

BUT, MR. HUMPHREY! WHAT CAN I DO? DON'T SEND RUTHERS! IT'S NO USE!

YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MY DAUGHTER! IF YOU SHOWED SOME CO-OPERATION, I'D PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR YOU! I'M SENDING MY FOREMAN DOWN TO SEE YOU!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE WALL SCHEDULE? IT'S LISTED FOR RANDY PIKE!

IS TRICKING
IT AGAIN?
I HE D
WINGS A
D...



RANDY
ANYT
WRO



SHARP
HOLD
RAND
OF T

STUDY! WHAT'S
HE UP TO HIS
AGAIN? DON'T
JUST ME,
DOES LOTS
OF BUSINESS
DON'T LIKE!



WELL, WELL, WHY
AM I BEING
TREATED TO A
VISIT BY YOU AT
THIS HOUR, YOUNG
MAN?

YOU KNOW DARN
WELL WHY! YOU
STOLE MY
FREIGHT CAR
RIGHT OUT FROM
UNDER ME!
YOU'RE
NOTHING BUT
A THIEF!



I SEE THROUGH YOU
NOW! YOU'RE DELIBERATELY
TRYING TO RUIN ME SO
YOU CAN GET MY FARM!
SOME FOLKS THINK
YOU'RE A SHARP
BUSINESSMAN, BUT
I SAY YOU'RE
CROOKED!

SO THAT'S HOW
YOU FEEL! I
HAD NO SUCH
INTENTION, BUT
SINCE YOU'RE
ASKING FOR TROUBLE!
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU!
RUTHERS!



SHOW MR. PIKE
AND HIS FRIEND
OUT! IF THEY MAKE
ANY TROUBLE,
USE FORCE!

RIGHT, BOSS!
OKAY, RANDY
BOY, GET
MOVIN'!



I SURE AM IN A
MESS! IF I DON'T
MAKE SHIPMENT, THAT
COMPANY WILL CANCEL
ALL FUTURE ORDERS
AND I'LL LOSE THE
FARM FOR
SURE!

CHEER UP,
RANDY!
MAYBE WE'LL
BE ABLE TO
FIGURE SOME
THING OUT
TOMORROW!



WESTERN UNION
GRAPH OFFICE
BARBOVILLE

WESTERN UNION
I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR PRESENCE IN THIS
WATER. MR. WILCOX



GOT A TELEGRAM
FOR THE COMPANY
PRESIDENT!

I'LL SIGN
FOR IT!

G. ANDREWS
PRESIDENT
MID-WESTERN
RAILROAD CO.
PERMITS

MISS WILCOX



WHAT'S SO
FUNNY, MISS
WILCOX?

GIGGLE
GIGGLE

IT'S A NIGHT LETTER FOR YOU, MR. ANDREWS, BUT IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF A JOKE! THE SPELLING IS SIMPLY UNBELIEVABLE!

HERE, LET ME SEE IT!

HMM...MISS WILCOX ORDER A SPECIAL CAR TO BE SENT TO THIS PLACE AND ARRANGE FOR A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION!

WESTERN UNION

W. H. BARDVILLE

AFTER WE HAD OUR CAR LOADED THIS MORN'G, I HAD A PRIVATE AGENT COMBINED WITH ME TO CHECK THE CAR. HE SAID HE WOULD GO THAT THIS FINE CAR, HE WILL BE RUINED IF HE DON'T MAKE SHIPMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YER ATTENTION IN THIS MATTER. YRS. W. H. B.

WHAT! SHOW ME THE TELEGRAM!

W. H. B. BARDVILLE

BILL, YOU'RE A GENIUS!

THAT AIN'T WHAT OL' MAN HUMPHREY CALLED ME WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT I DID! HE FIRED ME! BUT THAT AIN'T IMPORTANT! LET'S GO DOWN AND LOAD THAT CAR!

WHAT! AN INVESTIGATION! I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT!

TOO LATE TO BACK OUT NOW! WHAT'S MORE, I WANT YOU TO KEEP PIKE'S STUFF FROM SHIPPING OUT TODAY! SINCE HE THINKS I'M OUT TO RUIN HIM, I WILL!

I CAN'T STOP HIM FROM LOADING RUTHERS! THIS CAR WAS SENT SPECIALLY FOR HIM!

THEN WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY! IT'S FUNNY, I SHOULD THINK! YOU'D WANT TO GET EVEN WITH RANDY FOR REPORTING YOU, BUT INSTEAD YOU SEEM TO BE HELPING HIM!

FREIGHTMASTER

I HATE HIM! NOT JUST FOR THIS, BUT BECAUSE JEAN HUMPHREY HAS HAD NO USE FOR ME SINCE HE CAME BACK TO BARDVILLE!

IF YOU COULD HELP ME DELAY THIS SHIPMENT, IT MIGHT BANKRUPT HIM AND THEN YOU COULD HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK WITH JEAN AGAIN! GOT ANY IDEAS?

WELL, IF THE CAR WAS TO BE UNCOVERED, SAY AT THE HEAD OF HOOKERS HILL, IT COULD BE RUN OFF INTO HOOKERS SIDING! WHOEVER DID IT WOULD HAVE TO WORK FAST AND RANDY'S CAR WOULD HAVE TO BE LAST ON THE TRAIN!

YOU COULD ARRANGE THAT! LEAVE THE REST TO ME!



MEANWHILE...



WHAT DO YA KNOW! THE COMET EXPRESS IS COMING THROUGH FIVE MINUTES EARLY TO ALLOW FOR A SECOND SECTION!

SO WHAT!



NOTHIN' B... NOT IN T... E... FREIGHTMASTER'S... GOT TO RUN THE FREIGHT THAT JUST LEFT HERE INTO A SIDING TILL THE COMET GOES PAST! THAT'S A LOT OF WORK ON SHORT NOTICE!

WHAT!



HUH? YOU CRAZY? WHAT FOR?



THE FREIGHT JUST LEFT! THE COMET WILL RUN INTO IT! CHANGE THE SIGNAL LIGHTS! STOP THAT TRAIN!

YOU'RE NUTS! IT LEFT IN PLENTY OF TIME! ANYWAY, IT'S TOO LATE.. LISTEN!



TOO LATE! MAYBE RUTHERS WON'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I'VE GOT TO ACT AS IF I'M NOT UPSET!

BARDVILLE

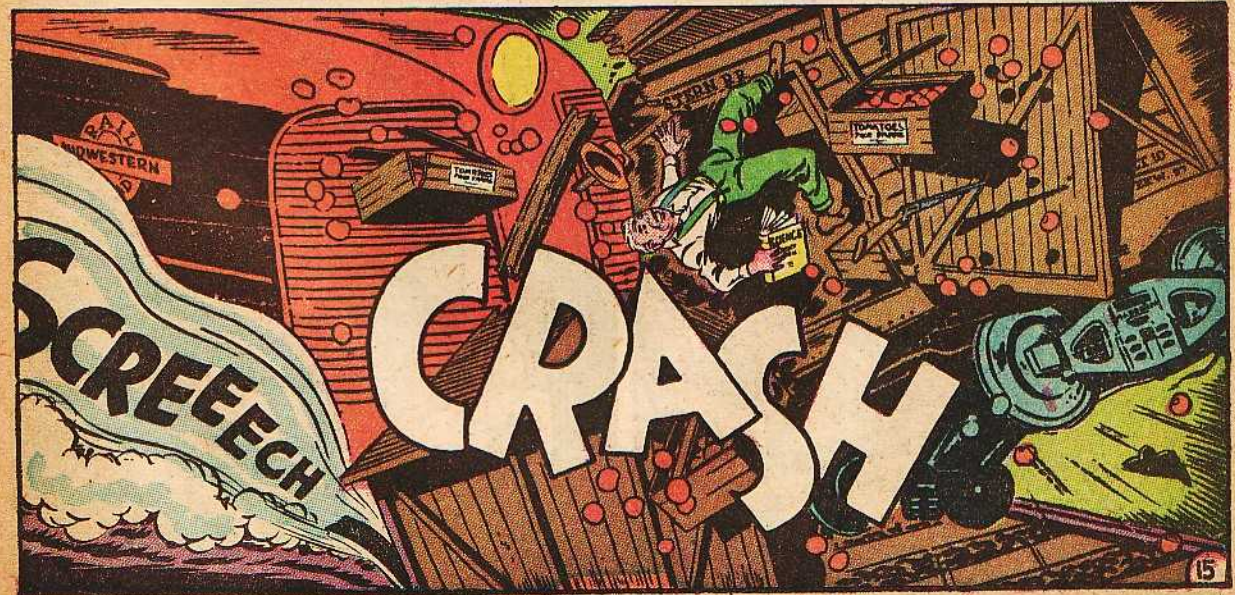
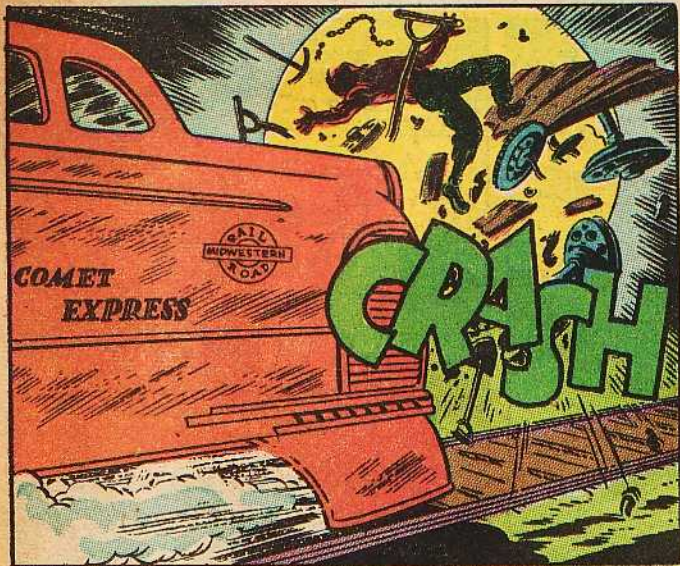


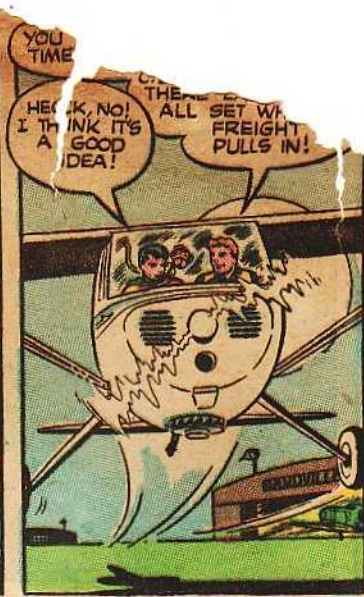
IT'S HALF A MILE TO THE SIDING! WE CAN GET THERE IN PLENTY OF TIME TO THROW THE SWITCH!

BOY, WILL BILL BE MAD WHEN HE FINDS OUT HE'S BEEN LEFT BEHIND!



HEY! WHAT'S THAT?





IF WE HADN'T HIT FIRST, IT WOULD WORSE! WE HAD MEN ON THE TRAIN CREW HIS BODY IN HIS FELLOW JUMP HE MUST'VE



ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

WE THINK WE KNOW, BUT WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING YET!



RANDY, YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE AND SEE IF YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE OTHER MAN ON THE HAND-CAR! I'LL FLY BACK AND NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES!

ERATELY WHO'D DO

WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHERE'S RANDY? ANYTHING WRONG?

PLENTY, MORGAN! THE COMET EXPRESS COLLIDED WITH RANDY'S FREIGHT CAR ABOUT TEN MILES EAST! KILLED BILL WILDER! BETTER NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES! I HAVE A PRIVATE JOB TO DO!



HUMPHREY! THAT CRAZY FOREMAN OF YOURS UNCOUPLED RANDY PIKE'S FREIGHT CAR AND IT COLLIDED WITH THE EXPRESS! YOU'RE IN A JAM!

WHAT! I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!



DON'T GIVE ME THAT! HE DID IT UNDER YOUR ORDERS! YOU'RE IN A TOUGH SPOT, BUT IF YOU'LL PAY OFF GOOD, I'LL COVER UP FOR YOU! I'LL PUT IT ALL IN RUTHERS' LAP! OTHERWISE, YOU'D BETTER SKIP TOWN!



I'M NOT COVERING UP...OR RUNNING OUT!

I'LL TELL THE AUTHORITIES THE WHOLE STORY! THE EXACT TRUTH, AND LET THEM BE THE JUDGE! IT MAY MEAN PRISON, BUT I'D RATHER STAND TRIAL THAN BE A COWARD!

YOU'RE A FOOL! I'M GETTING OUT!



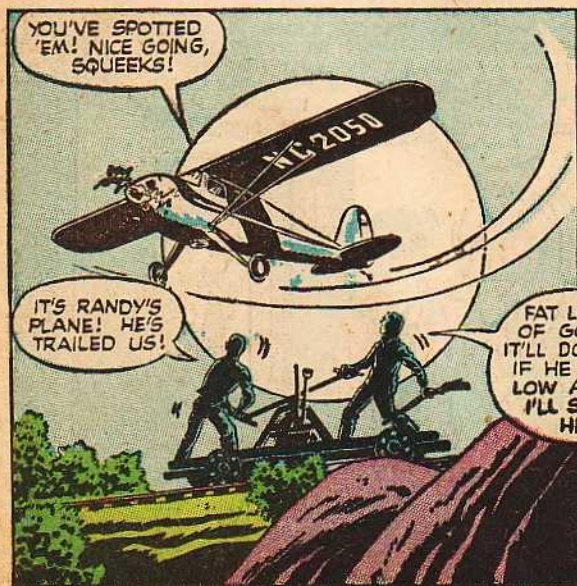
SO, YOU'D DUMP IT IN MY LAP, WOULD YOU! WHY YOU LOUSY RAT! IT WAS YOUR IDEA! I'D KILL YOU IF I DIDN'T NEED YOU RIGHT NOW!



WHICH ONE OF YOU GENTLEMEN IS CHARLES PICKERING? I'M HERE TO INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT FOR THE MID-WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY!

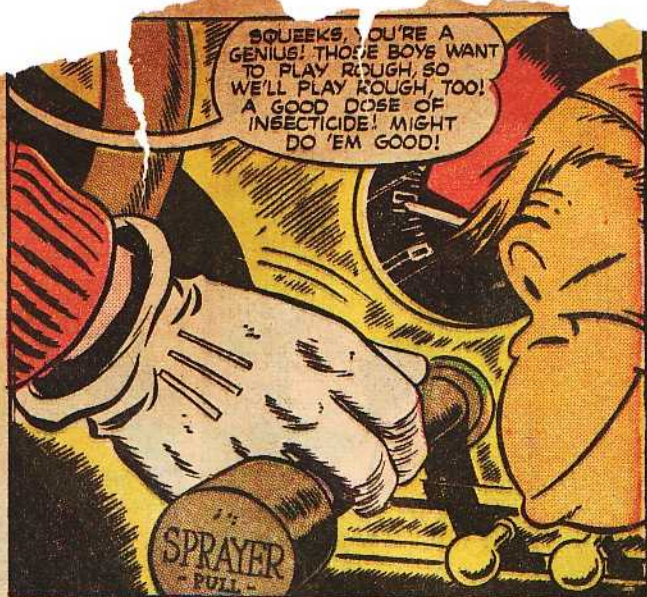
WHY... UH... THAT IS, I AM!



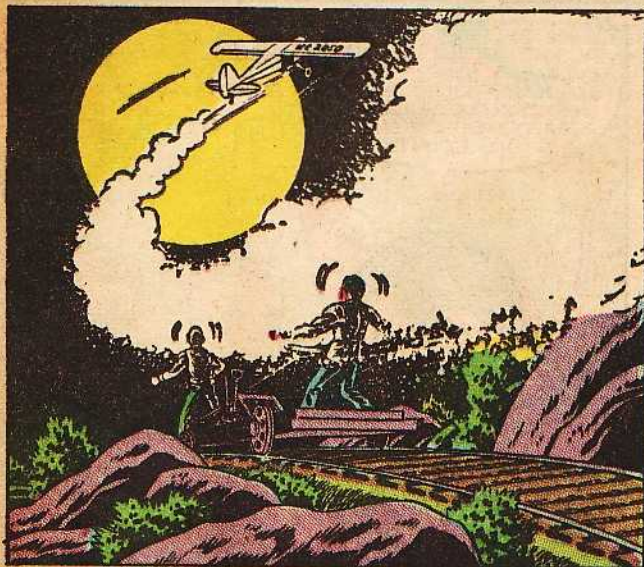




BOY, THAT'S WHAT A W... THE FIRST SQUEEKS, I TO WORRY OUT WITH



SQUEEKS, YOU'RE A GENIUS! THOSE BOYS WANT TO PLAY ROUGH, SO WE'LL PLAY ROUGH, TOO! A GOOD DOSE OF INSECTICIDE! MIGHT DO 'EM GOOD!



I'M DYING! IT'S POISON GAS!!

CHOKE CHOKE

COUGH



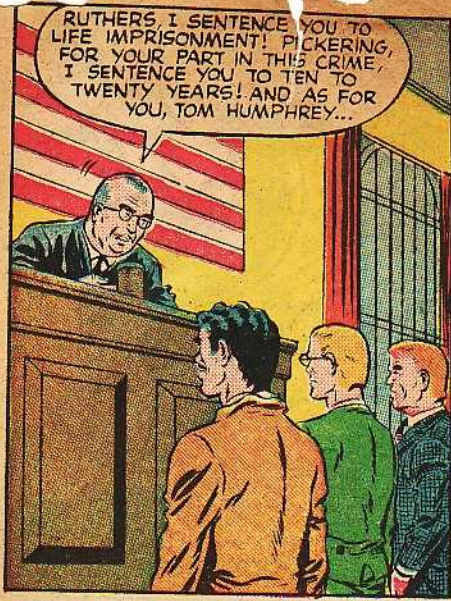
THAT MEANS HE FOUND 'EM! AND THEY'RE NOT FAR OFF!



DON'T LET ME DIE! (COUGH) GET ME TO A HOSPITAL, QUICK! (CHOKE) I'LL CONFESS EVERYTHING!

COUGH!

CHOKE



RUTHERS, I SENTENCE YOU TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT! PICKERING, FOR YOUR PART IN THIS CRIME, I SENTENCE YOU TO TEN TO TWENTY YEARS! AND AS FOR YOU, TOM HUMPHREY...



FORT LONG ENOUGH I EXONERATE YOU FROM AN ACTIVE PART IN THIS CRIME! HOWEVER, BY YOUR OWN CONFESSION YOU ADMIT THAT YOUR GREED AND MEANNESS WAS INDIRECTLY THE CAUSE OF THIS TRAGEDY! THEREFORE, I SENTENCE YOU TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON!



OF RANDY AND PLACE THIS HAS

...I DON'T DESERVE IT, BUT I PROMISE THAT THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON!



YOU'VE BEEN VERY GENEROUS, RANDY! CAN'T I REPAY YOU IN SOME WAY? LET ME PAY OFF YOUR MORTGAGE!! LET ME DO SOMETHING FOR YOU!

THE FREIGHT COMPANY PAID FOR MY CARLOAD SO THE MORTGAGE IS OKAY! AND MONEY CAN'T BRING BACK BILL WILDER!

I HAVE AN IDEA!



SINCE BILL WAS IMPRESSED BY SCIENCE, MR. HUMPHREY COULD GIVE YEARLY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE TOP HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES MAJORING IN SCIENCE IN THIS COUNTY!

A FINE IDEA! THE BILL WILDER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS!

I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN SCIENCE!



I'VE LEARNED A LOT IN THE PAST WEEK, RANDY! I DISCOVERED HOW NARROW AND BIGGOTTED I WAS! I MAY BE OLD, BUT I HOPE THERE IS STILL TIME LEFT FOR ME TO CHANGE!

WHY, YOU REALLY MEAN IT! IN THAT CASE! SHAKE!



I WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO LEAVE! BE SURE TO WRITE ME THE MINUTE YOU GET YOUR PILOT'S LICENSE!



October 19, 1946
Dear Crimewriter,
Glad to hear you got your Pilot's license! Lots of news out here! My mortgage is all paid off! I'm engaged to Jean, and her Dad, Tom Humphrey is a changed man. During those Science Scholarships is what did it. The Science Bug bit him so hard he even wants to learn to fly. Fly out for our wedding.
Randy

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT SQUEEKS!

THE END

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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Dear Reader:

In every issue of BOY COMICS this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. Since the conception of BOY COMICS we have been guided by two ideals—first the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

I've a complaint to make, prize or no prize. Why do you put those short written stories in your otherwise top-notch book? I haven't seen one boy out of thirty take an interest in them. Waiting for your answer, I remain

Yours hopefully, Richard Levine
1891 Gleason Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y.

It is a Post Office requirement.

Whenever I receive a real nice gift, I always sit down and write a brief thank-you note. Having finished BOY COMICS No. 31, I certainly think you deserve more than a thank-you note.

Your book must receive careful editing for I have particularly noticed that your sequence is perfect. So often in other comic books mistakes are noticeable—especially in colors—but if you make a shirt blue it stays blue.

Thanks for a swell magazine. I can ALWAYS depend on BOY COMICS.

Thanks, Jackie Snyder
R.F.D. No. 1, Palmerton, Pa.

Lev Gleason, please note!

I especially like your BOY COMICS, CRIME DOES NOT PAY and DAREDEVIL covers. There's a proverb that goes this way "you can't tell a book by its cover." Well, that's wrong in your case because you CAN tell BOY COMICS, CRIME DOES NOT PAY and DAREDEVIL by their covers.

Alfred Porcari
177 Ashford St., Brooklyn 7, N. Y.

Thanks, Alfred. Charles Biro.

BOY COMICS was voted the favorite with the Bedford Boy's Club which has over 500 members. It is also favorite with the Boy Scouts of Bedford. As for myself, I have never missed an issue and I never will.

A loyal reader, Edward Beaudette
1126 Fifth St., Bedford, Ind.

We are honored, Edward.

There is a great deal of juvenile crime happening. Why? Some boys think that where others failed, they could succeed, but CRIMEBUSTER shows them it's wrong. Thanks for CRIMEBUSTER! Too bad there aren't more boys like CRIMEBUSTER.

Janice Wheeler
333 Silver St., Greenfield, Mass.

There are millions of boys like CRIMEBUSTER whose adventures may never get into print. It takes only honesty, fair play and good sportsmanship to have what C.B. has.

In the August issue of BOY COMICS in the second CRIMEBUSTER story, Buzzy Burke, the welterweight champion was knocked out by Ruff Hogan. The champion had his back turned when Hogan knocked him out. Why did Hogan win the fight?

Yours truly, Adolph Moncure
2624A Baldwin, St. Louis 6, Mo.

If you'll note on review, Buzzy Burke was on his way from the ring with one hand on the ropes. The fresh guy at the ringside who counted him out was trying to be smart. It was a foul blow.

The other day when I was trading comics with a friend of mine, he looked through the comics I had brought over and wasn't satisfied. I then told him I had some BOY COMICS and CRIME DOES NOT PAY at my house and he fell downstairs because he wanted to get there fast.

Yours truly, Wilbur Wright
1624 Bellview, Kansas City, Mo.

We fell for your letter, too.

CRIMEBUSTER stands for Freedom and fair play. BOY COMICS is like America's emblem, "The Eagle." It has brought the readers to understand that true Americanism is Truth, Justice and Tolerance.

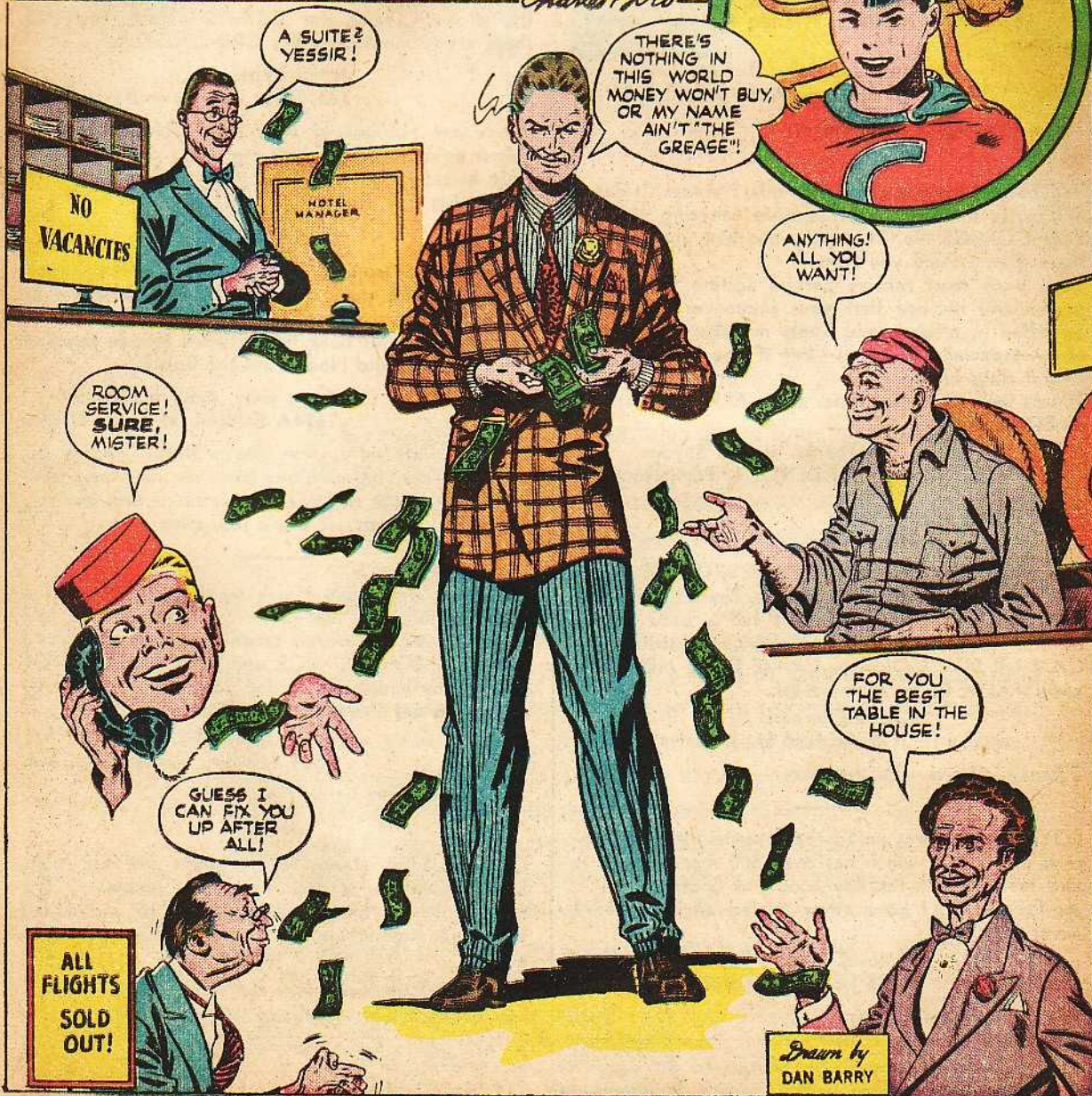
A. Shindler, 113 Hart St.
Brooklyn, N.Y.

In those three words lies the secret of our wealth, our strength and our future. Guard them!

CRIMELBUSTER

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD SOME HEART-TORN MOTHER SAY, "MY BOY IS A GOOD BOY, HE COULDN'T HAVE COMMITTED THAT CRIME!" YET THERE IS FOOL PROOF EVIDENCE THAT HE DID. MAYBE AS SHE KNEW OUR BOY HE WOULDN'T HAVE HURT A FLY. SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE HAD BEEN DOING, SEEING AND HEARING LATELY AND FROM WHOSE LIPS. SURE—SHE KNEW HIM AS A GOOD BOY—AND THAT HE WAS...UNTIL HE WAS EXPOSED TO THE POISONOUS INFECTION OF CRIME. PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL INCLINATIONS DON'T NEED MUCH OF A REASON TO JUSTIFY, IN THEIR EVIL MINDS, THEIR HATE FOR SOCIETY. IT COULD BE A TRUMPED-UP LIE OR AN EXAGGERATED INJURY WHICH GIVES HIM THE IMAGINARY RIGHT TO SCREAM "RAW DEAL," "FOUL PLAY" — AN ANIMAL URGE FOR VENGEANCE WHICH OUR BOY WASTES NO TIME IN TURNING AND MOLDING TO HIS OWN GREEDY, CROOKED DESIRES COMES INTO PLAY!

Charles Biro



Drawn by
DAN BARRY



729... I'M G...
DISTR...
AFTER...
MUCH...
BECA...
SAIL

...HT...
OFF...
D.A.!



PA...
SA...
ME...
TA...

...OR TWO...
THOUSAND!

WHAT! YOU STUPID FOOL!!
\$500 IS HIS REGULAR FEE!
HE ROOKED YOU! IF I'M SENT
UP IT'LL BE YOUR FAULT FOR
THROWING MY MONEY
AWAY!



HOW DARE YOU BLAME ME!
THE PAROLE BOARD WARNED
YOU THAT YOUR NEXT
OFFENSE WOULD MEAN
LIFE AND WHAT DID YOU
DO? YOU WENT RIGHT
BACK TO YOUR OLD
WAYS! I'M THROUGH!



WAIT, MARY! DON'T GO! IF YOU'LL
GO TO THE D.A. AND GET HIM TO
CHANGE MY RAP FROM GRAND
LARCENY TO PETTY LARCENY,
I SWEAR I'LL GO STRAIGHT
WHEN I GET OUT!

I DON'T
BELIEVE YOU
BUT I'LL DO IT
FOR LITTLE JOE'S
SAKE! I WANT
TO SPARE HIM
THE SHAME OF
HAVING HIS
FATHER IN
JAIL FOR
LIFE!



I GOT IT! TAKE LITTLE
JOE ALONG WITH YOU
WHEN YOU GO TO THE
D.A.'S OFFICE! HE'S
A TOUGH GUY, BUT HE
MIGHT FALL FOR A
TEAR JERKER ACT
AND FORGET ABOUT
THE DOUGH!

NO, I COULDN'T! I DON'T
WANT JOE TO KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT IT!



DON'T BE A
DOPE! THE KID'S
TOO YOUNG TO
UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT'S ALL
ABOUT! DO AS
I SAY AND
TAKE HIM!

ALL RIGHT, I WILL!
ONLY I'VE SHIELDED
HIM FROM THE
TRUTH ALL THIS
TIME AND I CAN'T
BEAR TO HAVE
HIM FIND OUT!
I HOPE YOU'RE
RIGHT!

TIME! YOU'LL
HAVE TO
LEAVE
NOW!

AS YOUR LAWYER, I'VE MADE THIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE D.A., BUT FRANKLY, UNLESS YOU'RE PREPARED TO PAY HIM AT LEAST FIVE GRAND WE'RE WASTING TIME!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I'M SURE HE'LL LISTEN TO REASON! HE CAN'T EXPECT MONEY LIKE THAT FROM POOR PEOPLE!

MR. DILLON WILL SEE YOU NOW!



JUST WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT, MRS. COVEY? SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND, ISN'T IT?

I'M CHARGED WITH LARCENY, MR. DILLON. IF HE'S CONVICTED, MEANS HE'LL BE SENTENCED FOR LIFE!



ET... HMMM... YOU WOULD EXCUSE ME A MOMENT WHILE I TALK PRIVATELY WITH YOUR LAWYER?

WAS IT FOR MY SON'S SAKE!



I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE CASE! MY ASSISTANT MUST BE HANDLING IT! IS WHAT SHE SAYS TRUE?

SURE! HE'S ONE OF THOSE BORDERLINE CASES, BUT THE GIMMICK IS THAT SHE CAN'T PAY OFF!



CAN'T PAY OFF! WHY DID YOU BRING HER HERE TO WASTE MY TIME? THE ANSWER IS NO! IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR AND I NEED SOME CONVICTIONS! BESIDES, IT'LL BE A LESSON TO OTHERS WHO MIGHT EXPECT FAVORS FOR NOTHING!

THAT'S OKAY BY ME! I TOLD HER IT WAS USELESS, BUT SHE INSISTED ON SEEING YOU!



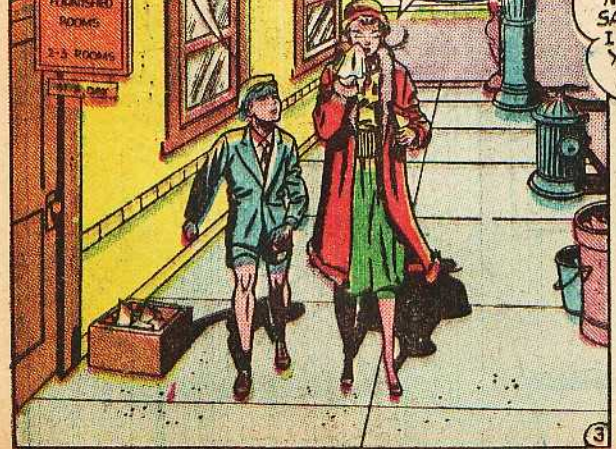
MADAM, AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IT'S MY JOB TO PROSECUTE CRIMINALS! I CAN'T SHOW PARTIALITY! YOUR HUSBAND WILL HAVE TO STAND TRIAL AS SCHEDULED! AND NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE WORK TO DO!

COME, MRS. COVEY! I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN!



GEE, MOM, WHATCHA CRYIN' FOR?

BECAUSE SOMETIMES WRONG PEOPLE GET IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE IN TROUBLE! BUT YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, JOE!



SURE, I WOULD, MOM, I KNOW THAT MAN WANTED YOU TO PAY HIM FIVE GRAND TO GET DAD OUT OF TROUBLE! THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL GRAFT! MY CIVICS TEACHER SAYS IT'S BAD, BUT ALL I KNOW IS THAT IF YOU HAVE MONEY YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!

THAT'S NOT ALWAYS TRUE, JOE! BUT ITS DREADFUL TO THINK OF YOU LEARNING THESE THINGS AT YOUR AGE!





I CAN'T BEAT
STAND THE
THE DOCTOR
SHOULDN'T W
HOW CAN I HEL
ING? WHAT WILL
OF US?

AT
S ME!



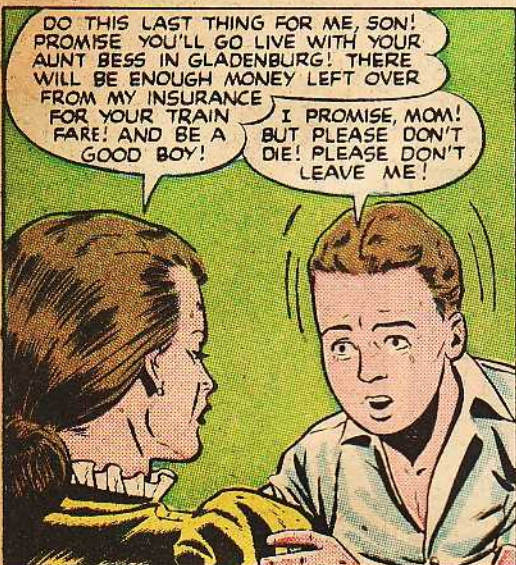
HEART... JOE...
GET MY MEDICINE
QUICK!

SURE, MOM!
RIGHT
AWAY!



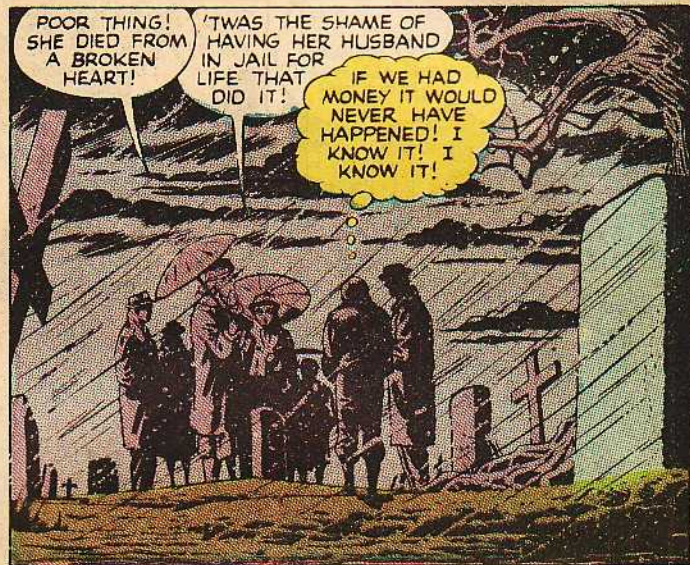
I'D BETTER CALL
DR. DENNY, MOM!
YOU LOOK
AWFUL
SICK!

NO USE, JOEY!
HE CAN'T HELP
ME THIS TIME!
I KNOW!



DO THIS LAST THING FOR ME, SON!
PROMISE YOU'LL GO LIVE WITH YOUR
AUNT BESS IN GLADENBURG! THERE
WILL BE ENOUGH MONEY LEFT OVER
FROM MY INSURANCE
FOR YOUR TRAIN
FARE! AND BE A
GOOD BOY!

I PROMISE, MOM!
BUT PLEASE DON'T
DIE! PLEASE DON'T
LEAVE ME!



POOR THING!
SHE DIED FROM
A BROKEN
HEART!

'T WAS THE SHAME OF
HAVING HER HUSBAND
IN JAIL FOR
LIFE THAT
DID IT!

IF WE HAD
MONEY IT WOULD
NEVER HAVE
HAPPENED! I
KNOW IT! I
KNOW IT!



SURE, THIS IS THE TRAIN
TO GLADENBURG, BUT
THIS CAR IS RESERVED!
YOU'VE ONLY GOT A
COACH TICKET— TWO
CARS UP FOR YOU!

BUT THE COACHES ARE
ALL FULL!
THERE ARE
NO SEATS!

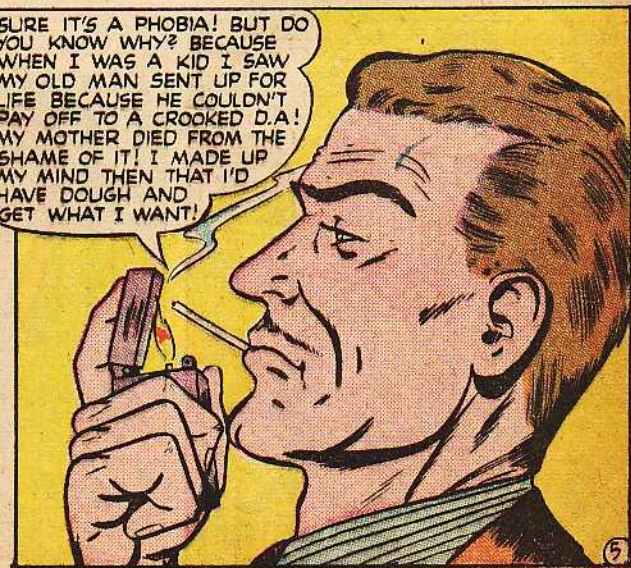


HERE!
NOW HOW
ABOUT A
SEAT?

WHY, CERTAINLY!
YOU'RE A SMART
BOY! RIGHT
THIS WAY!



IT'S TRUE! MONEY
BUYS EVERYTHING!
MONEY BUYS EVERY-
THING! WHEN I
GROW UP...





WHEN I GET
NOT BEIN' GET
WHAT I WANT
AND IT PAYS
PALMS IS WHY
CHIPS! IT HELPS
PLENTY OF

TIPS ON THE
KNIVES TOO! I
GUESS YOU'RE
RIGHT AT THAT!



MANAGER
CLEAN
WISDOM
TO SPEAK
TO ME!

THAT'S RIGHT! I'LL BE
HERE A COUPLE OF
WEEKS AND I'D LIKE
YOU TO INSTALL A
SHORT WAVE RADIO
SET IN THE ROOM
FOR ME!



THE HOTEL RULES DO
NOT PERMIT IT! SHORT
WAVE SETS ARE OFTEN
USED BY GAMBLERS
AND BOOKIES... AND
WE DO NOT CARE TO
CATER TO SUCH
PERSONS!

I'LL MAKE IT
WORTH YOUR
WHILE! AND AS
LONG AS YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHAT I'M USING
IT FOR, YOU
WON'T BE DOING
ANYTHING
WRONG!



VERY WELL! I'LL SEE
THAT IT'S INSTALLED
TOMORROW! BUT I DO
HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY
DISCREET! IF THE
DISTRICT MANAGER
SHOULD EVER
FIND OUT...

DON'T WORRY!
IF HE DOES,
JUST SEND
HIM TO ME!



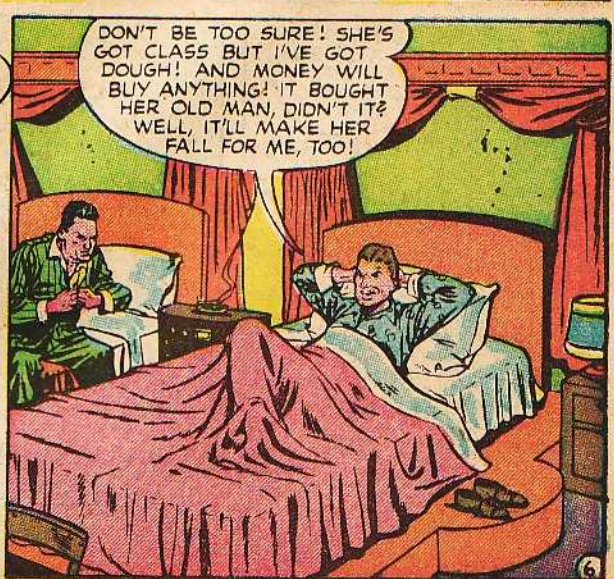
WELL, THAT'S THAT! LET'S HIT
THE HAY! I WANT TO GET OUT
TO THE TRACK EARLY TOMORROW!
I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF
HOT TIPS AND I
WANT TO SEE
HOW MARK HARRIS
HAS BEEN HAND-
LING OUR STRING
OF HORSES!

THAT OLD
HAS-BEEN
SOUTHERN
GENTLEMAN!
HOW COME YOU
TIED UP WITH
HIM, GREASY? HE
AIN'T YOUR TYPE
AT ALL!



HE HAD A STRING OF PRETTY
GOOD NAGS BUT NO DOUGH, SO
I BOUGHT IN ON THE DEAL! I
COULD HAVE CHISELED HIM OUT
OF HIS SHARE LONG AGO—ONLY
I KINDA GO FOR HIS
DAUGHTER!

YOU'RE WASTING
YOUR TIME! THAT
SNOOTY BABE WON'T
GIVE YOU OR ANYONE
ELSE A TUMBLE!



DON'T BE TOO SURE! SHE'S
GOT CLASS BUT I'VE GOT
DOUGH! AND MONEY WILL
BUY ANYTHING! IT BOUGHT
HER OLD MAN, DIDN'T IT?
WELL, IT'LL MAKE HER
FALL FOR ME, TOO!

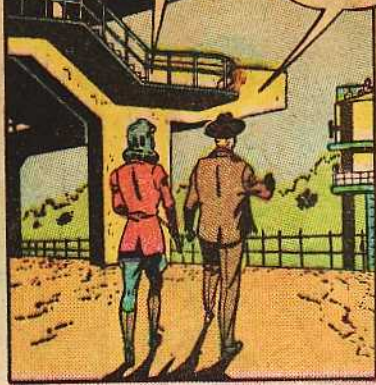
DAD! WHY ARE YOU RUSHING SO? IT'S BAD FOR YOUR HEART! WE'VE ONLY MISSED THE FIRST RACE!

I WAS SUPPOSE TO MEET THE GREAT THE CLUBHOUSE BEFORE THE RACE STARTED, JEAN, AND YOU KNOW HOW IRRITABLE HE GETS IF HE'S KEPT WAITING!



HE'S AS THE NICKNAME! HE TREATS YOU LIKE A SERVANT! I DON'T SEE HOW YOU COULD HAVE GONE INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH HIM!

I MADE A CHOICE WITH ME. I HAD NO CHOICE!



BUT THAT WAS A CLAIMING RACE, AND...

...OF THE FIRST RACE?



SKIP IT! HERE—PUT THIS TEN GRAND ON "LADYFINGER" TO WIN! MAKE IT SNAPPY! IT'S NEARLY TIME FOR THE RACE!...COME AND SIT WITH US, MISS HARRIS!

NO THANKS! I'D RATHER GO WITH DAD!



THEY'RE OFF!

TEN GRAND IS A LOT OF HAY TO LAY ON A LONG SHOT!

I DID IT TO IMPRESS THE BABE! SHE'LL SEE I'M NO PIKER WITH MONEY! COME ON, LADY FINGER!



C'MON, LADY-FINGER!

SHE'S MOVIN' UP FAST BUT SHE'S GOT A LONG WAY TO GO!



I WON! I WON! A TWELVE TO ONE SHOT! A HUNDRED AN' TWENTY GRAND!







A HUNDRED AN' TEN GRAND, AN' HE DOESN'T GET TO THE WINDOW ON TIME! OF ALL THE DOPES!

MAYBE HE WAS DOPEY! THESE QUIET OLD SOUTHERN COLONEL TYPES ARE PRETTY SMART APPLES! MAYBE HE PLACED THE BET AFTER ALL AND COLLECTED THE DOUGH FOR HIMSELF!



...OF THE HONEST GUYS! BESIDES, HE GAVE ME BACK MY TEN GRAND, DIDN'T HE?

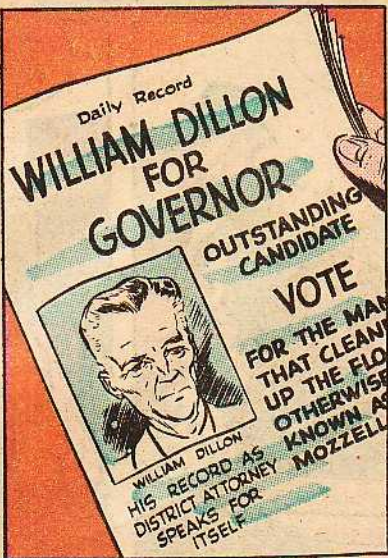
IT WAS THE WINNING MONEY! HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO COLLECT IT BEFORE HE CAME BACK!



OKAY GREASY! I HOPE YE AIN'T SKIPPED YET!



HARRIS WOULDN'T DARE CROSS ME! FUZZY'S NUTS TO THINK HE WOULD! HEY!...WHAT TH...



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OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE
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FOR THE MAN THAT CLEAN UP THE FLO OTHERWISE KNOWN AS MOZZELLI
WILLIAM DILLON
HIS RECORD AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY SPEAKS FOR ITSELF



HEY, BOSS! WILL YOU..

SHUDDUP! THAT CAN WAIT! GET A LOAD OF THIS!



SO WHAT, GREASY? I DON'T GET IT? WHATCHA EXCITED ABOUT? OF COURSE HE DIDN'T CLEAN UP THE MOZZELLI GANG! I KNOW THAT!

HE'S THE D.A. THAT SENT MY OLD MAN UP FOR LIFE! HE'S NOTHING BUT A LOW-DOWN, CROOKED BUM! I'M GONNA KEEP HIM FROM BEING GOVERNOR IF IT KILLS ME!



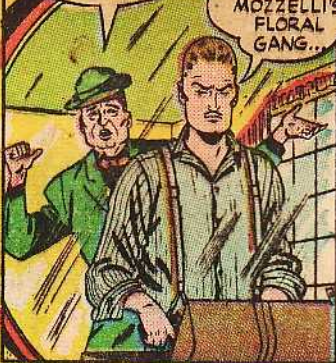
IF YOU'RE SORE NOW, WAIT TILL YOU HEAR WHAT I GOT TO SAY! THAT 'HONEST PARTNER' OF YOURS IS FIXING TO LEAVE TOWN! I CAUGHT HIM AN' THE GAL FACKIN' UP! NOW WHAT DO YA THINK?

WHAT! WHY THAT DIRTY DOUBLE CROSSER! ARE YOU SURE?

WHY ELSE W
PACK UP THE
NOW WHAT
HIM A VISIT AND
HIM UP TILL HE
UP THE DOUGH!



...LIKE THAT!
M...DER'S NOT
IN... YOUR LINE.
...REASE! THAT'S
FOR TOUGH GUYS
LIKE MOZZELLI'S
BOYS!



RIGHT... JZZY!
WHY SHOULD
I TAKE CHANCES
WHEN I GOT THE
DOUGH TO HIRE
SOMEONE TO DO
THE DIRTY WORK
FOR ME! IF I
HIRE
MOZZELLI'S
FLORAL GANG...

I CAN KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE
STONE! MOZZELLI WILL BUMP OFF
HARRIS AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A
REGULAR FLORAL GANG KILLING! WHEN
THE NEWS GETS OUT, IT'LL PROVE DILLON'S
LIED ABOUT CLEANING UP MOZZELLI'S
MOB AND RUIN HIS CHANCES OF
BEING GOVERNOR!



MOZZELLI? THIS IS THE GREASE!
I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOUR BOYS
DO A LITTLE JOB FOR ME
TONIGHT! COMPLETE WITH
FLOWERS!

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO
LAY LOW TILL AFTER
ELECTION, I'LL SEND
BUGS AND MANNY
OVER TO SEE YOU!



MOZZELLI SENT US
OVER! WHAT'S ON
YOUR MIND,
GREASE?

I'VE GOT A GUY I WANT
YOU TO KNOCK OFF—
FLORAL GANG STYLE!
HOW ABOUT IT?



IT'LL COST YOU
TEN G'S! MOZZELLI
SAID SO! HE
SAID WE COULD
DO IT FOR FIVE
IF YOU'D SKIP
THE FLOWERS!

NO! I GOTTA HAVE
FLOWERS! I'LL PAY
YOU THE TEN GRAND!
I'LL MAKE THE
ARRANGEMENTS NOW!
WOULD MADISON AND
HILL STREET AT
EIGHT BE
OKAY?

ANY TIME
AND ANY
PLACE!



HARRIS? MEET ME TONIGHT
AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER
OF MADISON AND HILL
STREET...YEAH, AT EIGHT
SHARP— THEN I'LL TELL
YOU WHAT IT'S ALL
ABOUT!

I HOPE
THERE ARE
NO HARD
FEELINGS!



MAKE THAT TEN
GRAND AND FIVE
BUCKS! FIVE FOR
THE FLOWERS!

ARE YOU KIDDING?
OKAY, OKAY! ONLY BE
SURE YOU
DO A GOOD
JOB! YOU
SURE YOU'LL
RECOGNIZE
HIM?

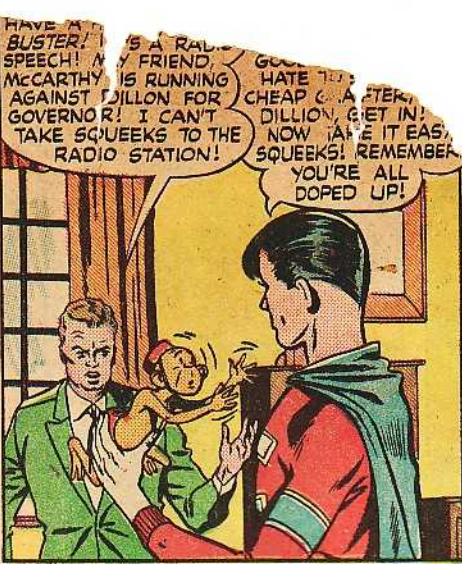
SURE!
ABOUT 65,
MEDIUM
BUILD...
GREY HAIR
AND WHITE
MUSTACHE!





LOOVER IS AWAY, C.B.! I HAVE TO MAKE A POLITICAL SPEECH AT SEVEN, AND A CALL JUST CAME IN FROM A MISS HARRIS! SOMETHING ABOUT HER FATHER'S LIFE BEING IN DANGER! WOULD YOU TAKE THE CASE?

SURE, MADDEN! THAT IS, IF YOU'LL TAKE CARE OF SQUEEKS! HE'S HAD AN INJECTION!



HAVE A BUSTER! I'S A RADIO SPEECH! MY FRIEND, MCCARTHY IS RUNNING AGAINST DILLON FOR GOVERNOR! I CAN'T TAKE SQUEEKS TO THE RADIO STATION!

GOOD! I HATE TO CHEAT & A STER, DILLON, GET IN! NOW TAKE IT EASY, SQUEEKS! REMEMBER YOU'RE ALL DOPED UP!



UT HE SAIGN ON THE DRAKE HOTEL! I'LL GO RIGHT OVER! S FAKED HIS FORMER S HARD TO RIGHT OVER! HERE'S MEMO ON THAT AGE! BETTER SEE HER RIGHT AWAY!



HOW DO YOU DO, MR. HARRIS! I'M REPRESENTING MR. MADDEN—COULD YOU TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY?

I CERTAINLY WILL, BUT FIRST I MUST ASK YOU TO PROVE YOUR CONNECTION WITH MR. LOOVER!



WHY DAD! HE'S CRIMEBUSTER! EVERYONE KNOWS HIM! DON'T MIND DAD, HE'S NOT VERY HEP!



IF YOU'VE TOLD ME EVERYTHING, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE— BUT YOU MUST REALIZE WE'RE DEALING WITH COLD-BLOODED KILLERS!

I FEAR NO MAN! TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO AND WE'LL DO IT!



IT'S SIX-FIFTY NOW! THAT GIVES US A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR, AND WE'VE GOT A LOT TO DO!



I'M AN OLD MAN WITH A FULL LIFE BEHIND ME, SO DON'T HESITATE TO PUT ME IN DANGER! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS, CRIMEBUSTER?

IT'S SIMPLE, BUT PRECISE! WE'LL HAVE TO USE PERFECT TIMING!

SOMEHOW I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT AFRAID ANY MORE! I WONDER WHY?



AS ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY I'M IN A POSITION TO KNOW THAT MY CANDIDATE, JOHN MCCARTHY IS AN HONEST MAN! HE WILL KEEP HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISES IF ELECTED GOVERNOR OF THE STATE!

... I AM SURE THAT HE WILL GUARANTEE... SCREECH THAT EVERY WOMAN CAN HAVE A SLIMMER WASTE LINE... SCREECH IN SEVEN DIFFERENT FLAVORS!..FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT, VOTE MCCARTHY IN!

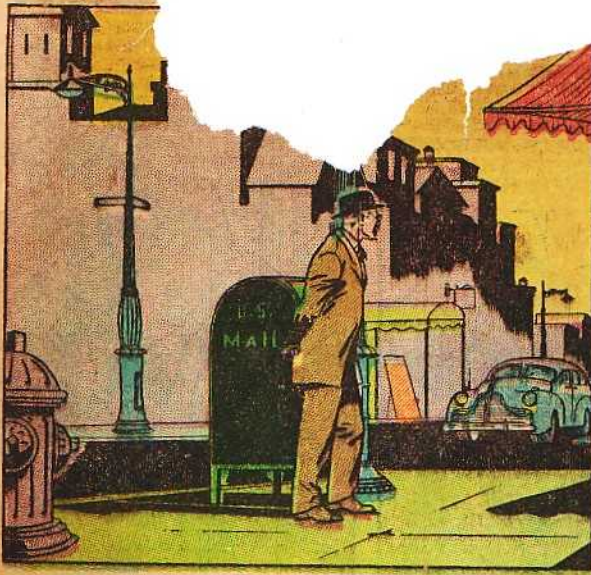
BLAST YOU, YOU GO!! THE MONKEY! IF I LOSE MY JOB...



RATTATAA BZZ...BRRUKK CRACKKK SQUEEEL... ???

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY SPEECH WAS SABOTAGED FOR A FEW MOMENTS BY CRIMEBUSTER'S MONKEY, SQUEEKS! SQUEEKS, HOW ABOUT AN APOLOGY?

BRRRAACK!!





HARRIS!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

YOU LOOK AS IF YOU WERE SEEING A GHOST! WHAT'S WRONG? I WAITED AT MADISON AND HILL STREET, BUT YOU NEVER CAME SO I DECIDED TO SEE IF YOU WERE HERE!



THAT BET I LIED ABOUT IT, YOU CHECK WITH THE CASHIER. REMEMBER A BET THAT I MADE ANYHOW, I'M QUITTING THE TRACK AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU MY SHARE OF THE HORSES TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT HAD HAPPENED!



I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE RIGHT THINGS TOMORROW OVER!

ALL RIGHT, BUT I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! GOOD-NIGHT!



YOU WERE RIGHT, CRIMEBUSTER! HE NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE ME ALIVE! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I NEVER EXPECTED TO SEE YOU ALIVE WHEN THOSE GANGSTERS OPENED FIRE ON YOU! BY THE WAY, YOU STILL HAVE A LITTLE MAKE-UP ON FROM YOUR DISGUISE!



THAT MAILBOX MADE A GOOD SHIELD, AND THE KETCHUP "BLOOD" FOOLED THEM COMPLETELY! NOW, IF MY HUNCH WORKS, EITHER THE GREASE WILL GO TO SEE MOZZELLI OR MOZZELLI WILL SEND HIS BOYS OVER HERE! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STAND BY AND WAIT!



MOZZELLI?...THOSE TORPEDOES OF YOURS DOUBLE-CROSSED ME! THEY COLLECTED TEN GRAND AND NEVER PULLED THE JOB! I WANT MY DOUGH BACK!

YOU CALLIN' MY BOYS LIARS? THEY AIN'T GOIN' TO LIKE THAT! I'LL SEND THEM OVER AND YOU CAN COMPLAIN TO THEM!



MOZZELLI AND HIS BOYS ARE TOUGH! THEY MIGHT GET MAD IF YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER WITH THEM!

LET THEM! I'VE GOT A ROD! THEY CAN'T PLAY ME FOR A FALL GUY! I WANT MY TEN GRAND BACK!



A FINE PAIR OF PUNKS YOU ARE! THE GUY YOU SAY YOU KNOCKED OFF WAS JUST IN HERE! YOU NEVER KNOCKED OFF ANYBODY! IF YOU HAD, THE NEWS WOULD BE ON THE RADIO BY NOW!

LISTEN TO HIM, MANNY! IT SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS CALLIN' US LIARS!



YOU BUMPED THE OLD GUY OFF JUST LIKE YOU ORDERED!



COVERED! ASK THEM, FUZZY!



BE DOIN' THIS, GREASE!

TAKE THEIR GUNS AND THEN SEARCH THEM FOR MY TEN GRAND!



THEY AIN'T GOT IT, GREASE!

YA SATISFIED? NOW GIVE US BACK OUR GUNS!



SURE! I'LL LET YOU HAVE THEM BACK—EMPTY!

IF WORD OF THIS EVER LEAKS OUT, OUR REPUTATION WILL BE RUINED!



THIS AIN'T THE END! WHEN MOZZELLI HEARS WHAT'S HAPPENED, HE'S GONNA BE PLENTY SORE!

I AIN'T AFRAID OF MOZZELLI OR ANYBODY ELSE! NOW GET OUTTA HERE! AND TELL MOZZELLI I WANT MY TEN G'S BACK!



WHAT A SET-UP! THEY'LL LEAD US DIRECTLY TO MOZZELLI'S HIDE-OUT! TELL THE SQUAD CARS AROUND THE CORNER TO FOLLOW ME! WE'LL PICK UP GREASE LATER!



THERE THEY ARE! FOLLOW THEM!





YOU CAN REACH THE ROOF OF MOZZELLI'S HOUSE THROUGH THIS BUILDING! WHEN THEY START DOWNSTAIRS YOU CLOSE IN FROM BEHIND!



AFRAID OF AN YONE ELSE!

WE'LL... BUT FIRST I'LL... A CALL! HE'S... NERVOUS AND DECID... SKIP OUT BEFORE WE GET THERE!



MOZZELLI... TALK WITH... TELL ME... TAKEN ABOUT... THAT BEING... TO DROP OVER... YOUR TEN GRAND... I'LL BE... RIGHT OVER!



THAT AIN'T LIKE MOZZELLI! HE'S PUTTING ON AN ACT! THAT MEANS ONE THING! HE'S COMING OVER HERE TO RUB ME OUT! WE GOTTA GET OUT OF TOWN FAST! START PACKING!

I TOLD YA YOU'D GET US IN TROUBLE, GREASE! WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT! I BET HE'S ON HIS WAY NOW!



COPS! THE GREASE MUST'VE SQUEALED ON US!

QUICK! BACK TO THE APARTMENT! WE CAN SHOOT IT OUT FROM THERE!



HURRY! THEY'RE COMING BACK UP! LET'S GET INTO THEIR APARTMENT BEFORE THEY BARRICADE THEMSELVES IN!



THEM LOUSY COPPERS! LET 'EM TRY AND TAKE US!

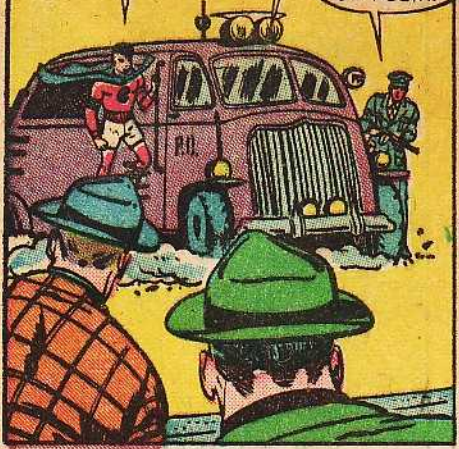
YOU CAN DROP YOUR GUNS, NOW!



DID YOU CALL TAXI?
DO LET US GIVE YOU
A LIFT! HELP HIM
CLIMB ABOARD,
CABBIE!

HEY, YEAH!
HELP GR...
WITH HIS
LUGGAGE!

DON'T
BE SHY!
WE GOT LOTS
OF ROOM!



HE'S
ID HERE!
OURS



NOT FOR A BILLION GRAND,
GREASE! YOU CAN'T BUY YOUR-
SELF OUT OF THIS JAM FOR
ALL THE GREASE IN THE
WORLD! LOCK HIM UP,
CASEY!

C.B., DID YOU HEAR THE
NEWS? OUR BOYS JUST
CLEANED UP MOZZELLI
AND HIS MOB! THEY
INTERRUPTED DILLON'S
OWN RADIO SPEECH WITH
THE NEWS FLASH!
DILLON WON'T STAND
A CHANCE NOW!

IT WAS ALL
CRIMEBUSTERS
DOING, MR. MADDEN!
HE WAS SIMPLY
MARVELOUS! TELL
HIM THE WHOLE
STORY, DAD!

...THAT'S THE
STORY! IT
WAS VERY
CLEVER
WORK ON
CRIME-
BUSTER'S
PART!

NICE
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WHAT
CHARGE
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HE'S JUST
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AS MANNY
AND BUGS
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THEM! FOR-
TUNATELY
THEY
SQUEALED
ON HIM!



MADDEN
DOESN'T WANT
TO HEAR ALL
THAT!



WE HAVEN'T
HAD MUCH
TIME TO GET
ACQUAINTED!
HOW ABOUT
HAVING DINNER
WITH ME
TOMORROW
NIGHT?

I'D LOVE TO,
CRIMEBUSTER!
YOU KNOW I
STILL HAVEN'T
THANKED YOU
FOR ALL YOU
DID FOR US,
AND I CAN'T
WAIT TILL TO-
MORROW, SO...



HEY, SQUEEKS!
CUT THAT
OUT!!

GOOD
HEAVENS!



WHY SQUEEKS,
I BELIEVE
YOU'RE
JEALOUS!!



THE
END

"Not
this

BOUQUET

A DAREDEVIL STORY

"WELL, what's the trouble this time," asked *Daredevil* as he and Inspector Crandell hurried down the steps from Police Headquarters. "All I could get from your conversation on the phone was that it concerns Vivian Varden. Did somebody steal one of her scenes, or what?"

"I'm afraid it's a lot more serious than that," answered Crandell. "Our leading lady has played her last scene—she's dead!"

As the two settled into the back seat of the big official car while it pulled swiftly away from the curb, siren rising to a shrill crescendo, *Daredevil* frowned and turned to the Inspector.

"That's really a shame," he said quietly. "She was a brilliant person, and an admirable one. What happened to her?"

Crandell shrugged. "I can't really say till we investigate. All I know is that old John Kenmore, the actor, called me and said that Vivian Varden was dead at his place out in Great Cove, and that it was a matter for the police. Much as I hate the thought of it, the thing sounds like another murder to me."

A half hour later Crandell's car and motorcycle escort roared through the little town of Great Cove and slid to a stop in front of an attractive colonial style house on the shore road.

John Kenmore was standing at the gate waiting for them. The old actor was obviously deeply disturbed, but even the tennis shorts and sweatshirt he was wearing failed to detract from his natural dignity. He greeted Crandell and *Daredevil* with formality.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," he said in his familiar, rolling voice. "I feel I must thank you for your promptness. And now, due to my unfamiliarity with this sort of thing, please feel free to take complete charge of my house and myself. What do you wish to do first?"

"Routine things first, Mr. Kenmore," answered the Inspector. "We'll have to see the body before we decide on the appropriate procedure."

The three were silent as John Kenmore led the way through his beautiful gardens to the back of the house. They followed a winding path through banks of rosebushes which evidently led from the

house to a tennis court which could be glimpsed in the distance. At a sharp twist in the path, John Kenmore stopped and silently indicated a spot where the bushes had been trampled and broken.

The body of Vivian Varden lay crumpled among the broken flowers, her spattered blood forming a strangely grim color scheme among the roses. At her side rested a huge bouquet of the lovely blooms. Protruding from her breast was the handle of a large pair of garden shears.

"She evidently put up quite a fight," said Crandell softly, as he and *Daredevil* turned from their inspection of the scene.

"What an ironic way to die—gathering roses," murmured *Daredevil*.

"Yes," said Kenmore, "and to think that Marie had taken a picture of her standing between Paul and myself and holding that very bunch of roses not ten minutes before!"

Daredevil glanced sharply at him. "A picture, eh? Was it taken with that camera you have hanging over your shoulder?"

"Why, yes, as a matter of fact it was," answered Kenmore.

Daredevil turned to Crandell. "How about having one of your men run into Great Cove and having those films developed? Might be something helpful in them."

After Crandell had dispatched an officer with the camera, he turned to Kenmore. "And now, Mr. Kenmore, who are the two people you mentioned—Marie and Paul?"

"Why Paul Denby, of course," answered Kenmore. "I'm sure you've seen him on the screen. Vivian played opposite him in his last picture. And the other is Marie Montague, a very talented youngster who is playing my daughter in our present play. They're in the livingroom, I believe. Come along and talk to them."

As they entered the long, low room through open glass doors, Crandell and *Daredevil* immediately recognized the tall, handsome figure of Paul Denby, hero of many a screen romance. As introductions were performed, Denby was obviously making a strong effort to hold his screen pose of hard masculinity.

Kenmore then introduced them to Marie Montague. Both men's eyes widened involuntarily at the

dark, vibrant beauty of the girl
of a large divan. In a moment, however, Cran-
professional attitude asserted itself.

"All right, now," he growled, "if you'll all settle yourselves, I'll have to ask a few questions. First of all—who discovered the body?"

Kenmore answered. "It was I who discovered the—body," he said quietly. "I should say it was about fifteen minutes after Marie had taken our pictures that I decided to run down to the tennis court and lob a few balls around by myself. I—I found Vivian just as you saw her."

"Mr. Kenmore," murmured *Daredevil*, "do you ordinarily play tennis in street shoes?"

Kenmore smiled wryly. "A point well observed, young man. I can see how you gained your fine reputation. But as it happens, I keep my tennis shoes at the courts. I'll produce them if you wish."

"Thank you, but it won't be necessary," answered *Daredevil*. "One more question, though—did you change clothes between the time your picture was taken and your discovery of the body? And if so, can you show us those clothes if the need arises?"

Kenmore frowned. "Why yes, I did. I changed from a pair of slacks and a sport shirt. They're upstairs in my room. But why—?"

"All right, sir," said *Daredevil*. "And now, Mr. Denby and Miss Montague—have either of you changed clothes recently?"

Denby grinned engagingly. "I'm afraid I'm a poor boy who couldn't manage such a thing. You see, Miss Montague and Miss Varden were weekend guests, but I merely stopped by for the afternoon. I have nothing but the clothes I have on."

"As for me," said Marie Montague, fixing *Daredevil* with a level stare, "I have a few things with me, but I haven't changed. I was just—well, just sitting here doing absolutely nothing. I guess," she finished lamely.

John Kenmore cleared his throat gruffly, and turned to Crandell. "Inspector, I'm afraid I don't quite understand what our young friend is driving at," he began, "but I must tell you that all three of us were terribly fond of Vivian. If he suspects that any of us could have—"

He was interrupted by the abrupt appearance of one of Crandell's men. With a brief nod the officer crossed the room and handed the Inspector an envelope.

All eyes turned toward Crandell and no one spoke as *Daredevil* stepped to the Inspector's side, and the two of them inspected the contents of the envelope.

Suddenly *Daredevil* seized one of the several photographs Crandell had taken from the paper, and dropped the rest on a table.

"This is the one," he said softly. "Look—do you see what I mean?"

Crandell bent, a puzzled frown on his face, and gazed long and hard at the little snapshot.

that
one—

and Crandell's
Crandell's
glanced at the
silent, waiting
side of the room,
and back at the p. "Yes, I see," he muttered.

"But what about the other—?"

"We'll see," answered *Daredevil*. He turned to John Kenmore.

"Mr. Kenmore,—are you positive you can produce the identical clothes you were wearing when this picture was taken?"

"Of course," answered Kenmore. "Come upstairs with me if you like and—"

"I'll take your word for it, sir," said *Daredevil*, turning back to Crandell. "Satisfied, Inspector?"

"I think so," answered Crandell. He turned to the others with a grim smile. "I'm sorry to have to do this—but one of you murdered Miss Varden, and I know who it is. It will be much easier for all concerned if that one confesses!"

John Kenmore stared at Crandell in dismay, and Marie Montague stiffened in her chair, but neither spoke. Denby began pacing the floor again. "Oh, I say now old man," he muttered, "we were all her friends, you know. None of us could possibly—"

Crandell's face hardened. "If that's the way you feel, Denby, I'm sure you won't mind helping us find the killer. Would you be kind enough to take off your jacket, Mr. Denby?"

"Do what? My—my jacket?" Denby's face had lost its hard heroic pose. "What for? No—I'd rather not! You—you have no right—"

Crandell grinned. "Help Mr. Denby off with his jacket, will you, *Daredevil*?"

Daredevil's arm shot out, and in a moment Denby's jacket dropped to the floor. He struggled futilely in a grip of iron as *Daredevil* quickly rolled down his right shirtsleeve—to reveal a cuff deeply stained with blood!

"You see, the snapshot was perfect evidence," *Daredevil* explained to the shocked friends of the murdered actress, after Denby had been led away. "Miss Montague was wearing the clothes she has on at present. Mr. Kenmore was perfectly willing to show us the clothes he had been wearing. But in the picture, Denby's cuffs were easily seen below the sleeves of his jacket. When we arrived, there were no cuffs to be seen. It was apparent from the condition of the body that the killer must have gotten some blood on his clothes, and so—well, there you are!"

"But why?" Marie Montague's voice shook. "Why should he—?"

"Oh, there was a motive, all right," answered *Daredevil*, "there always is. You see, while Miss Varden and Denby appeared to be the best of friends, Denby's professional jealousy got the better of him following the rave notices she received when co-starred with him in his last picture."

CELL
JUST
HAVE
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DYNAMITE

ORDINARILY RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CLUB TREASURY WOULDN'T BE MUCH TROUBLE FOR LITTLE DYNAMITE AND HIS PALS, BUT THIS TIME THEY MEET TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL "T"!



WE WILL NOW HAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT!

DA REPORT AIN'T EVEN WORTH STANDIN' UP TO GIVE! ALL WE GOT IS NINETY CENTS!

THAT BEIN' DA CASE, WE GOTTA RAISE SOME DOUGH! DIS CLUBHOUSE IS GONNA NEED REDECORATIN' BY SPRING! ANYBODY GOT IDEAS?

HOW ABOUT SELLIN' PAPERS?



DAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR! WE'D BE CUTTIN' IN ON KIDS WITH REGULAR STANDS! ANYHOW, WE WANT SOMETHING WHERE WE CAN MAKE MORE DOUGH!

MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOME KINDA WORK IN DA HELP WANTED SECTION!

HERE'S ONE - "BUTLER WANTED FOR PRIVATE ESTATE!"

HOW ABOUT "CHEF WANTED FOR HIGH CLASS RESTAURANT"!

QUIT CLOWNIN'! HERE'S ONE - "YOUNG MEN WANTED TO SELL NEW POST-WAR PRODUCT! 20 PER CENT COMMISSION! APPLY ROOM 209!"

NOW REMEMBER, LET ME DO DA TALKIN'!



WE CAME ABOUT DAT SELLIN' JOB!

HA! HA! COME BACK IN A COUPLE OF YEARS WHEN YOU'RE GROWN UP!

WAIT A MINUTE, JOE! MAYBE THEY'D BE GOOD AT THE JOB! LET ME TALK IT OVER WITH 'EM!



NORMALLY THESE IRONS ARE SOLD FOR EIGHT DOLLARS, BUT WE HAPPEN TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE CAN SELL THEM FOR FIVE—PROVIDING THE CUSTOMER PAYS CASH WITH THE ORDER! WHEN YOU GET AN ORDER, YOU COLLECT THE FIVE DOLLARS, AND GIVE THE CUSTOMER A RECEIPT!

YOUR ORDER DELIVERED TO THE CUSTOMER IN TWO WEEKS! WE PROVIDE YOU EACH WITH DEMONSTRATION IRONS AND ORDER BLANKS! NOW, ARE YOU INTERESTED?

NO C.O.D. ORDER WON'T TO WAIT! SOLD AT EIGHT DOLLAR BARGAIN PRICE THE SIMPLE METHOD AND LOW OVERHEAD!

I GET IT!

HERE'S AN IRON AND ORDER BLANK FOR EACH OF YOU! REPORT BACK WITH YOUR ORDERS AT THE END OF THE WEEK! AND GOOD LUCK!

THANKS A LOT! WE'LL SWAMP YA WITH ORDERS!

I USUALLY DON'T PAY FOR THINGS BEFORE I GET THEM, BUT IRONS ARE SO HARD TO GET! BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT AN HONEST FACE!

HERE'S YOUR RECEIPT, AN' YOU'LL BE GETTIN' YOUR BRAND NEW ACME IRON IN TWO WEEKS!

IT HEATS UP FAST AN' IS EASY TO HANDLE! IF YA BOUGHT ONE IN A STORE YOU'D HAVE TO PAY EIGHT BUCKS FOR THE SAME THING! YOU PAY CASH AN' GET A BARGAIN!

I'LL TAKE ONE, ONLY BE SURE AND GIVE ME A RECEIPT!

BOY! WILL JOSCELL BE SURPRISED! EIGHTY-ONE SALES IN OUR FIRST WEEK! YA GOT ALL DA DOUGH, DYNAMITE?

SURE! \$405! EIGHTY-ONE FER US, AN' 324 BUCKS FER JOSCELL! AT DIS RATE, WE'LL BE RICH IN NO TIME!

THERE YA ARE! \$324 AN' EIGHTY-ONE ORDERS! BET YA WE CLEAR THE HUNDRED MARK NEXT WEEK!

YOU'VE DONE SO WELL, I HATE TO TELL YOU THE BAD NEWS!

EVE THE ORDERS THAT DISCONTINUE WE FILL UP I EVEN HAV BOYS TO RE SAMPLE IRON GIVE THEM CUSTOMERS!

YA THAT WOL HAVE TO HAPPEN!

WE 'EM! JUST BUSINESSLIKE, UNDERSTAND!

...N A YOUNG MAN! AND DON'T FEEL TOO BAD! I HAVE YOUR ADDRESS AND I'LL CALL YOU IF AND WHEN WE GET NEW STOCK!

...AS A FUNNY HAND-WRITIN'!

YEAH; TOUGH THAT WE COULDN'T KEEP SELLIN'!

ANYHOW WE GOT MONEY IN THE TREASURY AGAIN!

DAT'S RIGHT AN! IT'S GONNA STAY THERE TILL WE GET STARTED FIXIN' UP DA CLUB-HOUSE!

SEVERAL WEEKS LATER...

GEE! DIS IS DA BLOCK WE GOT ALL THOSE ORDERS FOR IRONS THE DAY WE STARTED SELLIN'!

YEAH! WISH JOSCELL WOULD CALL US UP AND LET US SELL MORE OF 'EM!

THERE HE IS! ARREST HIM! HE COLLECTED FIVE DOLLARS FOR AN IRON I NEVER GOT! WHEN I CHECKED, I FOUND THERE WAS NO SUCH COMPANY!

DAT AIN'T TRUE--AN! I CAN PROVE IT!

IT'S EMPTY, BUT THIS WAS THE OFFICE! HONEST! A MR. JOSCELL WAS IN CHARGE!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY MR. JOSCELL! YOU GAVE ME A RECEIPT AND YOU SIGNED IT! I WANT MY MONEY BACK!

WE'D BETTER ALL GO DOWN TO HEAD-QUARTERS!

IT LOOKS BAD FOR YOU BOYS! IF WE CAN'T FIND HIM, WE'LL PAY OFF ON EVERY ORDER YOU BECAME PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT MONEY! SINCE YOU CAN'T PRODUCE MR. JOSCELL, I HAVE TO HOLD YOU LIABLE!

IF WE CAN'T FIND HIM, WE'LL PAY OFF ON EVERY ORDER WE GOT! WE DIDN'T SPEND THE COMMISSION MONEY SO WE'LL START BY GIVING DAT BACK! IT'LL TAKE TIME ON THE REST!



IMAGINE US BEING TAKEN BY DAT PAIR OF SLICK OPERATORS! IT BURNS ME UP!

ME WE HAFTA ROT THREE HUNDRED AN' TWENTY-FOUR BUCKS! WE WUZ BETTER OFF WITH NINETY CENTS IN DA TREASURY!



NINETY CENTS IN DA TREASURY! IT! GIMME A PENCIL AN' PAPER!



"RAZ, AIN'T WE HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE IN DIS SELLIN' RACKET?"



DIS IS BAIT FER A TRAP! I GOT A HUNCH JOSCELL HAS A NEW SELLIN' RACKET AROUND TOWN! HE MIGHT NEED SALESMEN AN' ANSWER DIS AD! I'LL GO PUT THIS IN DA PAPER AN' SEE WHAT ANSWERS WE GET!



TWO DAYS LATER...

THERE SURE IS EVERY KIND OF SELLIN' JOB FROM TOMBSTONES TO DIAPER SERVICES! BUT NO LETTER FROM OUR PAL, JOSCELL!

LOOKIT! MORE LETTERS!



IT'S NO GOOD, I TELL YA, DYNAMITE! WE WENT THROUGH ALL DEM LETTERS!

YEAH, I KNOW BUT I GOT ANOTHER BUNCH! HEY! DIS IS IT!



BUT DAT LETTER IS SIGNED, "JOHN JOHNSON"!

SURE, BUT LOOK AT DA WRITIN'! IT WAS WRITTEN BY DA SAME GUY DAT SIGNED DIS RECEIPT! ALL HE DID WAS TAKE A NEW NAME AN' START A NEW RACKET!



I HOPE THIS BUSINESS IS AS PROFITABLE AS OUR LAST ONE!

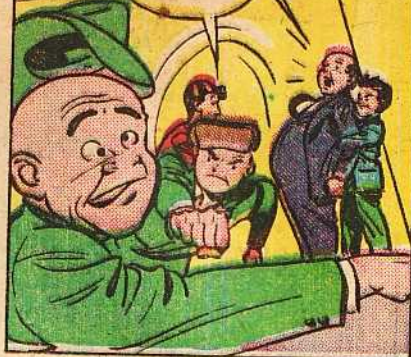
DAT'S HIM!

A YA, JO
REMEMBER ME
WE GOT A SCORE
TO SETTLE
WITH YA!



WHILE I
WONE TH' SARGE
TO PICK 'EM
UP!

IT'S A
PLEASURE,
DYNAMITE!



WE CAUGHT
JOSCELL... BUT
SO WHAT? NOW
WE AIN'T EVEN
GOT NINETY
CENTS IN DA
TREASURY!

MAYBE NOT,
BUT WE PROVED
WE WEREN'T
IN ON THAT
CROOKED DEAL!
BESIDES, WE
CAN GET JOBS
BY ANSWERIN'
SOME OF
THOSE LETTERS
WE GOT!

HEY,
HERE
COMES
CLANCY!
I WONDER
WHAT HE
WANTS?

THE D.A. SENT ME DOWN TO
GIVE YOU YOUR \$81 BACK!
JOSCELL HAD ENOUGH DOUGH
TO PAY OFF IN FULL WITHOUT
YOU HAVING TO GIVE BACK WHAT
YOU EARNED! HE AN' HIS PAL
WON'T HAVE MUCH USE FOR
DOUGH WHERE THEY'RE GOING
FOR THE NEXT FIVE
YEARS!

THE CLUBHOUSE
LOOKS SIMPLY
WONDERFUL!
HOW DID YOU
EVER DO IT?

DAT'S A LONG
STORY... AN'
ONE I'D MOSTLY
RAATHER FORGET!
HOW ABOUT
A COKE?



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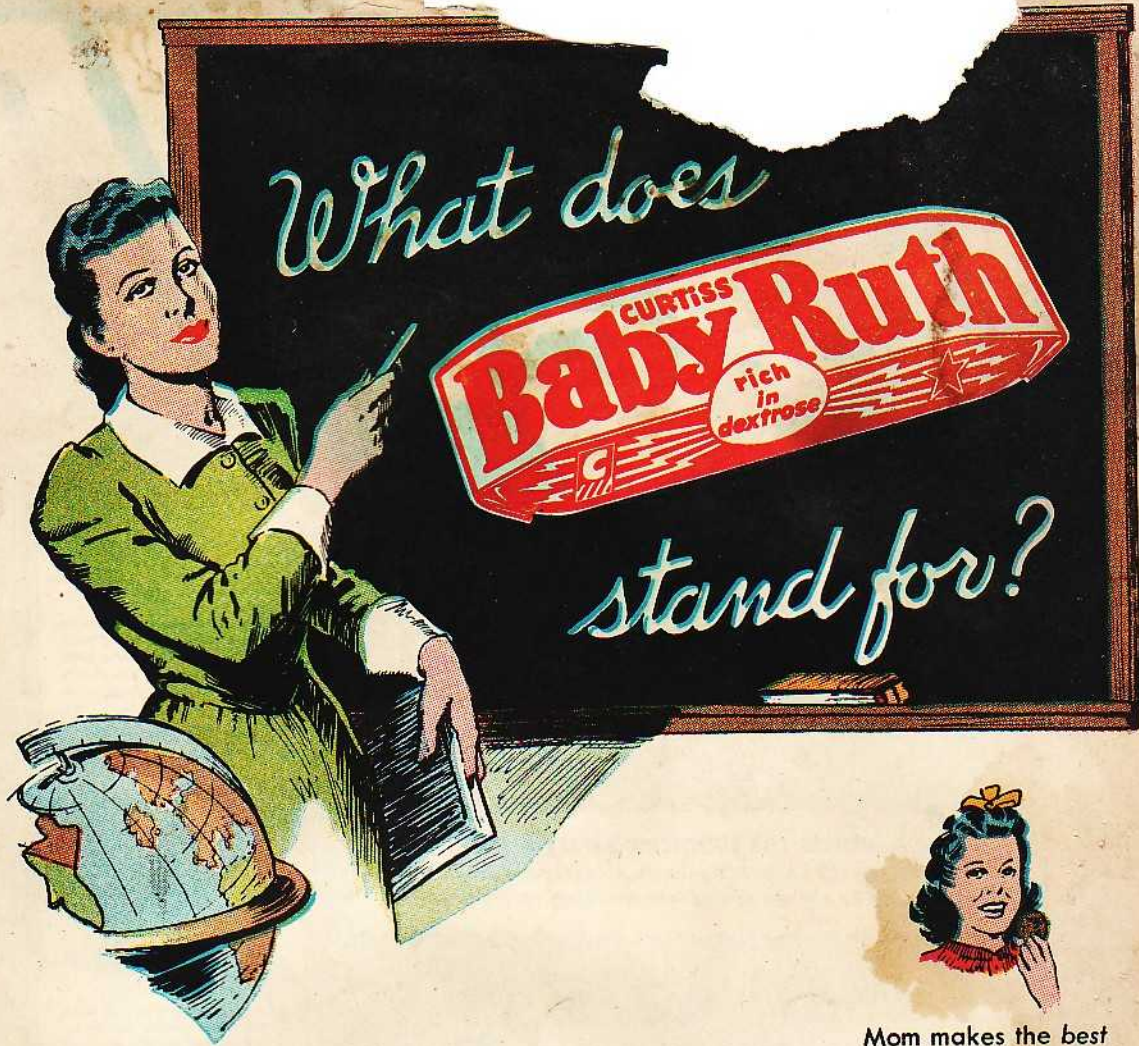
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